

## **Pupils get Into Party Politics**

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Two pupils from Forres Academy have put themselves forward for election in The Scottish Youth Parliament. Ellie Pearce and Jack Slinger, both S4, are potential candidates to represent Moray. The Scottish Youth Parliament is open to 14-24 year olds who have an interest in politics and are keen to deal with matters concerning young people.

Both pupils have been out campaigning, not only in their own school but, in schools across Moray. Both have very different manifestos with Ellie Pearce proposing to bring back prelim study leave, raise the minimum wage for teenagers and also to ensuring all students leave school knowing how to cook simple basic, healthy meals. Jack Slinger, stands for increasing support for victims of bullying, he would like to see subjects such as Modern Studies and Skillforce being made compulsory and more support for after school activities such as scouts.

Voting takes place on Wednesday 11 March across Moray schools and they are both hoping that as many students as possible will exercise their right to vote.