

Last February, nineteen students from Year 11 and the 6th Form travelled to Amersfoort, Holland, to participate in the Model United Nations, 2016. Model United Nations was an unforgettable experience, where 130 students from around the world, with different backgrounds and perspectives, gathered to discuss issues the world faces on a daily basis.

Fierce debate occurred as our delegates protected the country of their choice interests in one of the committees. The committees in this year's FAMUN consisted of the following: Disarmament and National Security Committee (GA1), Economic and Financial Committee (GA2), Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (GA3), the Security Council, UNESCO and ECOSOC. Topics of immense value in the contemporaneous world such as human trafficking, child soldiers and inequality in the workplace were amongst those discussed.

Well conducted, FAMUN commenced with ice breaking activities, so the delegates were more comfortable talking about their clauses and resolutions in extensive debate sessions. During these debate sessions, committees put together resolutions and developed their researching, public speaking and writing skills, as well as critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities.

There were also moments where the delegates could relax and assimilate themselves with Dutch culture, as they took part in the FAMUN party and explored the small, delightful town of Amersfoort. During our trip they also visited the interesting city of Amsterdam, discovering unforgettable sites like the Reich's Museum, the Red Light District and the many canals that traverse the city.

Overall, FAMUN was an invaluable experience that molded the confidence and outlook of many of the participants' future. We would like to thank Mrs. Wickman and Mrs. Telfer for organizing and leading the L.E.S delegation.

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