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**Member of Parliament for Rotherham**

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## **Sarah launches Summer School for young people**

This week sees the launch of 'Sarah's Summer School', a pioneering initiative by Sarah Champion MP to help local young people learn why politics is important to them. Sarah, who is the MP for Rotherham, hopes to use the Summer School as an opportunity to engage young people in politics.

The Summer School will run from July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>, and will teach young people how to campaign on the issues that matter to them. Over the course of the week, young people will be invited to hear from a range of speakers including local councillors speaking about how to become a councillor, and top BBC Radio Sheffield journalist Andy Kershaw, on working with the media. The young people will also learn debating skills and will have the opportunity to run a mini campaign of their own.

Sarah said: "I am delighted to be launching a Summer School for local young people aged 16-24. Politics is not taught in depth as part of the school curriculum, and it's important that young people are able to learn about how politics affects their lives, what they can do about it, and how they can be involved.

"Young people I have spoken to about the project are really inspired and can't wait to get started. I really hope this will change the way Rotherham's young people view and participate in the political world."

Anyone aged 16-24 and living in Rotherham constituency is invited to apply by going to Sarah's website at [www.sarahchampionmp.com](http://www.sarahchampionmp.com).

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