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Gibraltar students to visit Brussels

A group of fourteen Year 13 young people from Bayside, Westside and the College will soon set off on a visit to the EU institutions in Brussels.

This visit has come about as a result of meetings between the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia and retired teachers Ivan Navas and Albert Danino who represent the Gibraltar in Europe Group. The Group organised an essay competition among young people and selected the winning entries.

While in Brussels, the students will visit the European Commission building and the Council of the European Union.

They will also have meetings with several Members of the European Parliament and political groups from across the spectrum in order to obtain an overview of the European institutions and how they work.

This includes Conservative MEP Ashley Fox , Labour MEP Clare Moody, Green MEP Molly Scott Cato and UKIP MEP William Dartmouth all of whom represent Gibraltar in the European Parliament. They will also have an opportunity to talk to members of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) and of the European People's Party.

Commenting on the visit, the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia said:

“The Chief Minister and I announced that such a visit was being planned when we were in Brussels ourselves earlier this year. The purpose of the visit is informational. I am very grateful to Albert Danino and Ivan Navas for everything that they have done. The Government has been happy to provide organisational and logistical support because we believe that it is important that young people should know about how Europe works.”