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## Debating Society

A very busy week for the debating society!

On Wednesday, 1st February, our junior debaters were out in force! Noebert Rebow and Kate Chambers won their Wild Card rounds to join Molly Flynn, Comhall Fanning and William Worrall in the second round of the UCD Junior competition which will be held after the mid-term break; Cillian Corcoran of 7th Class, making his debating debut, also went through - a great achievement for a first year! Tara Junghenn performed very well on the evening against stiff competition. Congratulations to all!

Molly Flynn, Catey Clarkson and Anna Heisterkamp also performed extremely well in the UCD Women Graduates' Public Speaking competition, held on Thursday evening. They entertained and moved the audience with speeches, written only 30 minutes before the event, in accordance with the rules of the competition. Their topics ranged from Lady Gaga's wardrobe (Molly) the over-use of bad language (Catey) and Happiness is.... ? (Anna). They have gained so much self-confidence in developing their presentation skills in this enjoyable competition! Well done, girls!

The senior debating team, Imogen Grumley-Traynor, Diane Maguire, Megan O Connor, Orla Clissmann and Vladislav Verbitsky, were also successful on Thursday evening in the Concern competition with a unanimous win against Mt. Anville, proposing that "President Obama is good for Africa". This was a very topical motion and the debate was most enjoyable and interesting! Congratulations!

On Friday, 3rd February, eight of our Transition Years are participating in the Leinster conference of the European Youth Parliament to be held in St. Michael's College over the weekend. Best of luck to Ciara Chambers, Emma Haran, Stacey Aleshko, Steffi Volmer- Fox, Diane Maguire, Ena Lochrin, Adam Tonge and Jack Sargent.