

Reading MP Visits MESiR

A few Fridays ago, the local MP for East Reading, Mr Matthew Rodda, visited to tour the school and meet staff and students. A small group from the Journalism Club had the privilege of asking Mr Rodda, of the Labour Party, a few questions about politics and the education system.

Mr Rodda stated that the new GCSE grading system was introduced 'too quickly' and that he is 'very worried as not everyone understands [the grades] yet. This is very troublesome for parents and employers because they are finding it difficult to understand this new system.'



Mr Rodda with the students from years 7 and 8 who interviewed him.

On a less specific topic, we asked him 'What do you think of your leader?' and he replied that Jeremy Corbyn is a 'gentleman' and 'very kind and caring to people around him. I met him at one of his rallies in Reading and if not for him, I wouldn't be where I am now.'

The final question asked was, 'What are your priorities?' to which he answered 'I want to concentrate on building council housing and don't want to deliver a hard Brexit. I want to keep a relationship with the European Union even if it will be very small.'

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