

## ***“Speech and Language Therapy gives me hope”***

### **Just one of the messages that 11 Moor House School Students, their Speech And Language Therapists & A Committed Parent Took Their Message To Westminster on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October!**

Moor House School students and Speech and language Therapists met with East Surrey MP Sam Gyimah at Parliament on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, to raise awareness of the crucial role of speech and language therapy in supporting young people with communication difficulties. MHS students and staff joined speech and language therapists from around the UK as they travelled to Westminster to meet with their MPs as part of the Giving Voice campaign. The campaign, led by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, highlights how speech and language therapy transforms the lives of those with speech, language and communication needs. Students on the school council explained to Sam Gyimah how speech and language therapy helps them to learn at school, to interact with their peers and their families, to develop skills to be more independent in society and therefore to have a positive future. The students also passed on the messages of fellow pupils from across the school who were eager for people to take notice of their difficulties and the important role of speech and language therapy. The students and staff wore t-shirts designed by the parents and carried placards made in school. Our school was mentioned twice during the keynote rally speeches and our students were highly sought after by the official photographers so might well appear on a variety of national publications.



At the end of a tiring day, some students were heard to remark that it had been the best day of their lives! The staff were SO proud and moved by the students courage in speaking about their difficulties to the MP that there were a few tears shed! Watch this space for our video dairy of the preparations for the event and what happened on the day!