

Boroughmuir are Scottish Young Consumers of the Year



A team from Boroughmuir High School has clinched the title of Scotland's Young Consumers of the Year 2013 in a closely fought final held last week at the Scottish Parliament.

School teams from Ayrshire, Dundee, Edinburgh and as far north as Dingwall gathered to battle for a magnificent trophy and title of Scottish Young Consumers Champions.

Boroughmuir now qualify to compete in the UK Final, which will be held in Brighton as part of the Trading Standards Institute's Annual Conference, on Wednesday 19 June 2013. Here they will represent Scotland and battle against fellow Young Consumers from across the UK.

Schools in the capital have a proud track record in the competition with Boroughmuir High and Portobello High winning three out of the last seven UK titles. Boroughmuir High has won the last six Scottish titles in a row.

The Young Consumers competition is open to pupils aged 15-18 and is now in its 27th year. The competition sees teams tested on a range of consumer-related topics, from money and credit issues to shopping rights.

Young Consumers supports the four capacities of education as highlighted in a Curriculum for Excellence and links with subjects such as Economics, Modern Studies, Geography, Business Studies, Home Economics and Enterprise.

Councillor Lesley Hinds, the city's Transport and Environment Convener, said:- "This worthwhile initiative helps support consumer education and gives pupils the knowledge and understanding necessary to become effective consumers. I've been very impressed with the skills and attitudes of all our Young Consumers and my congratulations go to all those involved in the competition. I'd like to wish Boroughmuir High School the best of luck at the UK final in June."

Photo: The Boroughmuir High team in photo left to right – Tara Smith, Emily Killgore, Alice Gama (captain) and Lauren Jiang, all aged 16.