

Edinburgh school talks its way to the top

✘ In this picture (attached) from left to right are :

Francis Kerrigan : George Heriot's School

Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards : President of English Speaking Union (ESU) South Wales and Chair Of Judges

Charlie Holmes : George Heriot's School

Jane Easton : Director General, English Speaking Union

Francis Kerrigan and Charlie Holmes of George Heriot's School in Edinburgh have won the English-Speaking Union International Schools Mace held in Cardiff. They defeated Dulwich College, England in the final of this highly-contested international debating competition which brings together the top teams from each of the home nations.

Shannon Turner and Andrew Beverstock, from Edinburgh University, who won the Scottish leg of the John Smith Memorial Mace (JSMM), very narrowly lost to Cambridge University in the John Smith Memorial Mace Final, which was also held in Cardiff.

The English-Speaking Union Scotland as part of the ESU of the Commonwealth works with schools throughout Scotland to help maximise the future potential of young people in society through the effective use of the English language, and hosts annual national debating competitions as a focal point for this aim.

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