

## **Education and Schools Bill and Apprenticeships Reform Bill (draft)**

Hendon heads tell me we're now seeing record numbers staying on in 6<sup>th</sup> forms, encouraged by the new Education Maintenance Allowance, targeted at those who might otherwise have left at 16.

We need to build on this, especially for those Hendon young people who tell me traditional post-16 education is not for them, yet want the chance to learn a skilled trade.

This Bill creates the long-term (2015) goal of raising the leaving age for training or education to 18. This is supported by the continuing growth of apprenticeships – to over 400,000 in England over the next three years (from its lowest base of 75,000 in 1997) with other options, like day release and part time training.

## **Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill**

Whilst crime will always be with us, the figures clearly show a huge improvement – as our local newspapers frequently now report.

Hendon people's main worry is violent crime. Amongst other measures (building on success of ASBOs), this Bill introduces the new Violent Offenders' Order. This gives the court powers to impose restrictions on violent offenders, even after they've finished their sentences, for example controlling where they can go or live.

## **Other Government Bills on the way include:**

**Citizenship & Immigration Bill** – to produce a framework for clearer and more consistent immigration rules.

**Marine Bill** – to help with developments like offshore wind farms and protect marine wildlife.

**Child Maintenance Bill** – to replace the CSA with a more effective way of supporting children.

**EU Treaty Reform Bill** – to make the EU more efficient, democratic, fair and transparent.



Andrew introduces his 'Hendon Green Competition' winners to Environment Secretary Hilary Benn MP

## **But that's not all! An MP's job includes:**

### **Private Member's Bills:**

I'm promoting two Bills: one reforms Civil Service recruitment; the other ensures elderly patients in hospitals and care homes have their human rights respected. I also support the Bill on agency workers' rights.

### **Debates:**

MPs can also sponsor their own debates - there's a lot of competition for the few slots available. I'm already applying myself!

### **Select Committees:**

This is vital scrutiny of Government performance. I chair the Human Rights Committee. We're publishing a major report on adults with learning disabilities; keeping a close eye on issues like data protection; and following up on our previous reports, like elderly healthcare and trafficking.

### **Question Time:**

Every day, not just for the Prime Minister's weekly sessions! On rotation, every Minister faces a grilling. This is the chance I have to ask about local services, and national and International developments.

### **And of course:**

Whatever the subject, if there's a local issue or angle to promote, I'll find a way to speak up on it, for you, in Parliament!