

# LOSMUN

In November, a group of year 12s had the opportunity to attend a Model United Nations conference at the London Oratory School (LOSMUN).

We prepared for this through our weekly sixth-former-led Model United Nations club. This club is open to all with an interest in international politics, and these sessions helped us develop key skills including writing resolutions and taking part in different types of caucuses. At the conference, we were split into different councils (mine being the Economic and Social Council). In our council rooms we discussed various topics, ranging from the use of AI-powered weaponry to the question of tackling organised crime internationally.

It was an enlightening experience to see how a real model conference operated, even in the small details—raising your country’s placard when requesting the floor, negotiating alliances with other delegates, getting up at the front of the room to propose a resolution (although this was daunting, the atmosphere across all councils was friendly and encouraging!).

On a less serious note, there was also a humorous side to the event, with ‘punishments’ being for the use of personal pronouns, involving karaoke and even push-ups. Another highlight was the guest lecture by economist Dr. Kevin Daly of Goldman Sachs, who spoke about populism and the impact of black-and-white political thinking on the economy.

Overall, the LOSMUN conference was both enriching and challenging; I found that the more I participated and engaged, the more I gained in confidence and ability. It left me with a renewed appreciation for our in-school Model UN club, and an eagerness to continue developing my skills for future conferences.

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