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## AMBER HAS BECOME CONFIDENT IN HER OWN ABILITIES THANKS TO THE HELPFUL TEACHERS AT SWANMORE COLLEGE



**Maxine and Mike Hennessy live in Newtown with their children, Amber, aged 15, and Matthew, aged 13.**

### Speaking up

Amber and her parents are delighted with the way staff at Swanmore College have helped her become confident enough to speak out about issues that affect young people. Her Mum, Maxine, says: "In Year 9 Amber was given the opportunity to stand for the UK Youth Parliament and in November 2017 she took part in a televised debate in the House of Commons. This is all thanks to the staff at Swanmore who encouraged her to believe in herself."

### Smooth transition

Amber says Swanmore College was recommended to the family by neighbours and friends who had children there. "They all said it was really good and so I was looking forward to going there. In Year 7 there were two people from my old school in my tutor group and I also quickly made new friends. I had no problems adjusting to the work. All the teachers were helpful and I never found I was struggling. There were two groups for Maths and Science and people could move up or down depending on how they were getting on. English catered for all different abilities. I really enjoyed PE and sports after school."

### "Impressed"

Maxine says: "I am impressed with how supportive the school are with things the children are interested in. Matthew is in a rock band and the teachers have really encouraged him. One teacher, Mr Cole, has put on a lunch time club and an after school club, giving up his own time for them. I have always been impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm of staff at Swanmore College."