



The X Factor: Shadow Minister of State for policing and criminal justice, Vernon Coaker, saying goodbye to Langley Academy pupils outside the school after his visit last week. **PHOTOS: PAUL JOHNS 115550**

MP's advice for the next legal eagles

LAW students at Langley Academy got some practical advice from a visiting MP.

Labour's Vernon Coaker met with students at the Langley Road site last week.

The Shadow Minister of State for policing and criminal justice gave a talk to sixth formers about his role in Parliament and in education.

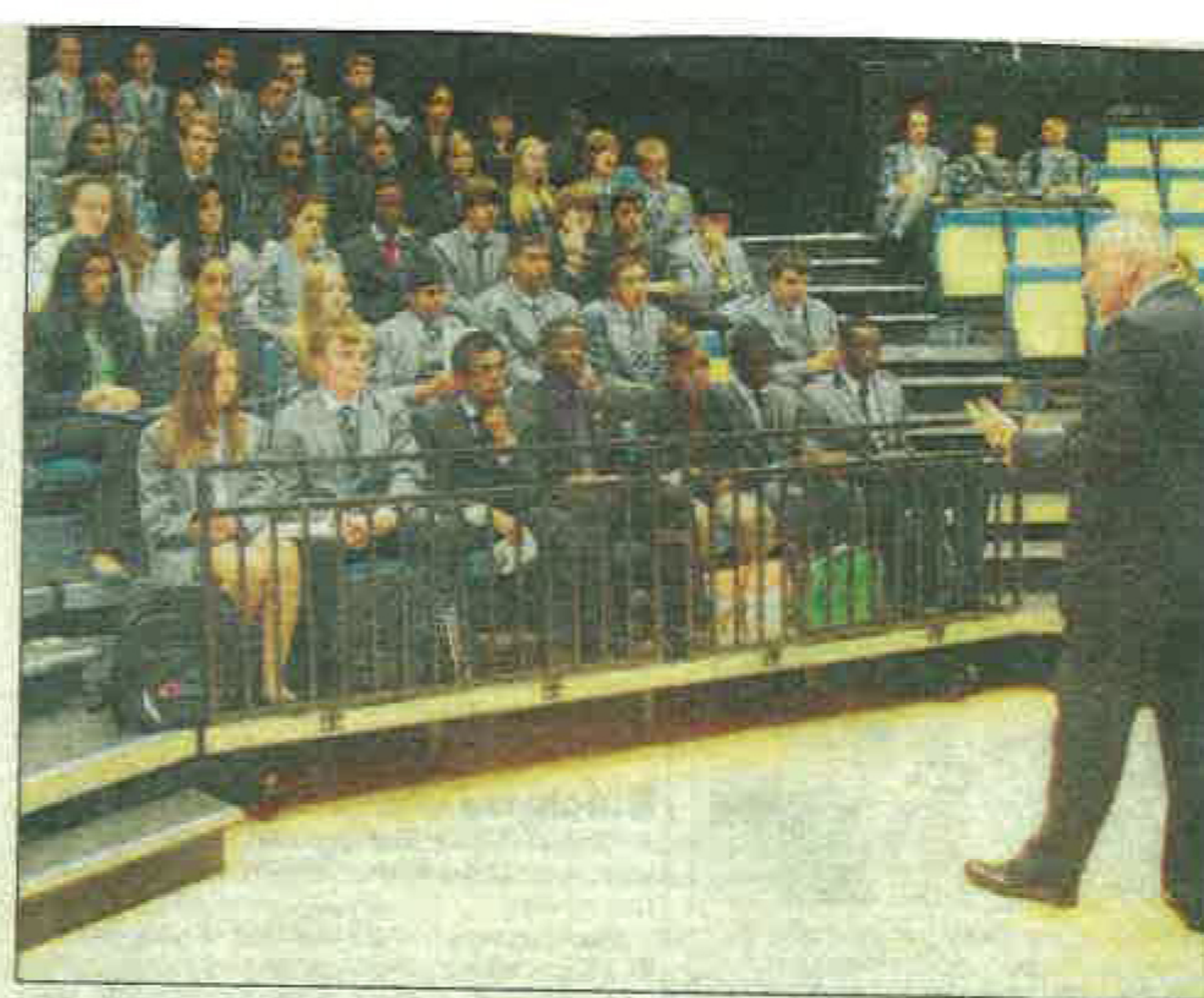
Before the 2010 General Election, Mr Coaker was the Minister of State for schools and learners and played a key role in establishing academies around the country.

On his visit he said: "Langley Academy is a fantastic example of how to provide opportunity

to all young people irrespective of ability. It was also fantastic to meet students interested and knowledgeable about politics and current affairs. They demonstrated that young people do care and do deserve a voice."

Students also gave the politician a tour and had the chance to ask questions before taking photographs with Mr Coaker in the school grounds.

Law teacher Isobel Carron added: "He was really good. Everybody enjoyed the talk and the students were really interested in finding out more about politics and the role Mr Coaker plays in Parliament. All in all it was a very successful visit."



Taking the stage: Many Langley Academy students were interested in finding out more about politics from Mr Coaker. Above right, talking with Darcel Yandzi a sports teacher who also teaches judo and kick boxing after school. Right, the MP visits an art lesson at the school. 115550



Discussions:

The Shadow Minister of State for policing and criminal justice, Vernon Coaker, listening to Langley Academy headteacher Peter Blewitt. Far left, pupils had the chance to put questions to the MP when he visited the school last week. 115550



Looking around: The MP looks at ceiling decoration with Langley Academy pupil Adam Walters, 15. 115550