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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **US President Barack Obama met Students from Watford Grammar School for Boys**

Sixth Form students at Watford Grammar School for Boys were invited to attend a "town hall" meeting in London hosted by US President Barack Obama on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Sixth form students Lewis Morley, Samir Patel, Jesse Rist, Kumael Bilgrami and Nathaniel Oshunniyi attended this event. Commenting on it Kumael Bilgrami said "Attending the Town Hall event was an amazing experience. It was great to witness his speech where he offered useful advice about our futures. He urged us to reject isolationism and pessimism and to look forward to new opportunities. It was also nice to see that we as young people have a say and that our hard work is being recognised. I was privileged to attend this meeting and it will always be a memorable event for me."

The event was part of the US President's UK visit to offer his gratitude for Britain's "stalwart partnership" with his administration and the American people throughout his presidency. His visit also coincided with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. Following his UK visit, Mr Obama travelled to Germany to meet Chancellor Angela Merkel and visit Hannover Messe, the world's largest trade show for industrial technology.

Commenting on the visit Ian Cooksey, Headmaster, said: 'We were delighted to hear that five of our boys were provided with the opportunity to join President Obama for his 'Town Hall' meeting this weekend. This was a great privilege for the students involved who will remember the occasion for the rest of their lives. It is clear that all of them were inspired by his example and his words.'

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