



Can we keep politics out of education?

The Ukraine and Russia crisis.

Should students from Thomas Deacon Academy go to Moscow?

Conflict between Russia, Ukraine and Pro Russian rebels on the Ukrainian and Russian border started in November 2013 and is still going on today. There have been many ceasefires, but there are also many accusations that either side has violated it. British forces are now training Ukrainian forces. Today we ask should we keep politics and other world problems out of education and is it safe to send students to schools in Russia and Ukraine at the moment?

We at Thomas Deacon Academy have links to both countries: School 1250 in Moscow and No1 Humanitarian Gymnasium in Vinnytsya Ukraine. In May 2014 a group of students and staff visited the school in Moscow for 1 week. In March 2014 we had a group of Ukrainian students come to our school. The question is should Thomas Deacon Academy students go to Russia or not and can we keep politics out of education? I think that we should as this could help mend the relations between the two countries and show the world that people don't want war. Other people would disagree as it may be dangerous. In conclusion, I think we should only go to schools there, but only if they are away from the border.

By Callum.