I believe that independent schools are an absolute necessity in our current climate and to add further financial penalties to the parents who choose to do this is morally wrong. The Scottish school system is under enormous pressure with teachers struggling for resource and class sizes going beyond manageable sizes. To add to this by forcing parents to abandon the independent schools they self-fund by increasing the tariff is insanity. It does not make mathematical sense to raise funds from these schools on one hand and take away much more money from local authorities on the other by adding yet more children into the schooling system. The Independent school sector created 156 million in cost savings in 2015 to the state education sector associated with children who would otherwise attend state schools. It makes absolutely no sense for the Scottish tax payer to remove the mandatory non-domestic rates relief for independent schools.