

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: English Speaking Union Competitions

I am pleased to be able to inform you that your child has been selected to be part of one of our ESU Public Speaking Teams (year 8-11) or our ESU Mace Debating team (sixth form) to represent SHSB this academic year.

The first round will take place at 16:30 on Wednesday 15th November 2023.

The teams are working hard to prepare and are looking forward to the competition. The first round will take place online via zoom. We are proposing that the teams compete together from school under the supervision of myself and Ms Bloomfield in the Hitchcock Building.

The timing for the event is a 16:30 start, so we will use the time between school and the start to make some final preparations. The finish time communicated by the ESU is 19:30, however, it is possible that the finish will be up to an hour earlier depending on how smoothly the competition goes. Therefore, we will encourage your child to remain in contact with you to keep you updated so you know if it changes. [We are aware of some year 8 students who need to leave earlier and will ensure they get to compete at an earlier stage of the evening].

Please complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/nxWtnfEaKf> by midday on Monday 13th November to give permission for your child to attend on Wednesday and confirm the arrangements for your child to make their way home. Please do let me know if you have any questions or concerns on eks@shsb.org.uk.

Thank you for support for their efforts representing the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr E Sainsbury

Leader of Year 12 & Leader of PSHE
Teacher of Politics & Citizenship

