

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### Re: International Competition for Young Debaters – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been selected to represent SHSB in the International Competition for Young Debaters on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. It will take place at LSE, from 09:00 until 17:30.

This is the first time we have entered this competition, however, we regularly participate in the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Competitions in which we normally perform very well. The competitions are always an enjoyable experience with an opportunity to debate against some of the strongest secondary level debaters in the country.

I am proposing that Mr Ingoldby and I will meet the team at Fenchurch Street (the end of the concourse with the ticket office) at 08:45. I will be on the C2C train that arrives at Fenchurch Street station at 08:45 in the front carriage, so students travelling up at the same time can join us in the carriage for the journey up to London. We will then travel from Fenchurch Street Station to LSE where the competition heat will be held. Upon our return, we will dismiss students to continue their onward journeys when we reach Fenchurch Street, although those travelling back on the C2C line will be able to travel as a group.

Whilst school has paid for the competition entry costs and associated staffing costs, we will need students to purchase their own train tickets. Please do let me know if this is likely to cause any issues. Throughout the day, we will have the school mobile with us. If your child is delayed or there are any issues on the day, we can be reached on 07981 770404.

Students should attend in uniform, although they should bring a jumper and coat as it can often get colder than anticipated. They should also come with a packed lunch and snacks for during the day and a water bottle that can be refilled.

Please complete the offsite form <https://forms.office.com/e/ripfJYizYa> by 4pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February to give permission for your child to attend on Saturday and confirm you are happy with the proposed arrangements. Please do let me know if you have any questions or concerns on [eks@shsb.org.uk](mailto: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**

