

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs R V Worth



September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Re: Dulwich College Annual Debating Competition

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been selected to represent the school at the Dulwich College Annual Debating Competition on **Sunday 28th September 2025**. This prestigious event offers our students the opportunity to showcase their debating skills against other schools.

The cost of entering the competition itself is covered by the school. However, **students are expected to purchase their own rail tickets for travel** (a return ticket to West Dulwich).

### Travel Arrangements

The group will travel by train, tube, and on foot. Due to the early start, we plan to meet at **Leigh-on-Sea station at 5:40am** for the **5:56am C2C service to Fenchurch Street**, arriving at 6:44am. Please note that replacement buses are in operation prior to Leigh-on-Sea, so it is not advisable to join the journey before this point.

### Options for travel (to be indicated on the offsite form):

- Students may join staff (OXR) at Leigh-on-Sea station for the start of the journey.
- Parents may elect for students to join at a station en-route between Leigh-on-Sea and Fenchurch Street.
- Alternatively, students may meet the group at **Fenchurch Street Station** at the designated meeting point: Marks & Spencer Simply Food (adjacent to Burger King) inside the station concourse **for 6:44am**.

From Fenchurch Street, we will travel together via the District Line to Victoria, then continue on the Southeastern service to West Dulwich, followed by a short walk to Dulwich College.

For the return journey, students may alight at the same station where they joined us. Alternatively, with **prior parental consent indicated on the offsite form**, students may leave the group directly from the venue. In this case, responsibility will transfer to parents once the student departs our care.

### Timings

The competition will run throughout the day, with debates scheduled to begin at approximately 9:00am and expected to finish between **6:00–7:30pm**, depending on student performance. Students will be asked to keep parents updated on return timings.



**Supervision and Conduct**

Students will be supervised throughout by staff (Mr Randall and Dr Frost). The **School Code of Conduct** applies, as do the school's regulations for Trips and Visits, available here:

[Trips and Visits Policy](#)

Students must follow staff instructions at all times, particularly when travelling by train/tube and when walking as a group.

**Parental Consent**

Please complete the offsite form via the link below by **6:00pm on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September** to confirm your child's participation, provide contact/medical information and to indicate travel arrangements (Leigh-on-Sea / en-route / Fenchurch Street and return arrangements).

<https://forms.office.com/e/xhe7a74uCy>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [OXR@shsb.org.uk](mailto:OXR@shsb.org.uk).

Thank you for your support in enabling our students to represent the school in this competition.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr O Randall.**

Trip Leader