

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs R V Worth



November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: University College London debating Cup

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been selected to represent the school at the UCL Cup on **Saturday 6th December 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.**

Travel Arrangements

The group will travel by train, tube, and on foot. Due to the early start, we plan to meet at **Prittlewell station at 6:20am** for the **6:31am Greater Anglia service to Liverpool Street** arriving at 7:31am

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

- Students may join staff (OXR) at Prittlewell station for the start of the journey.
- Parents may elect for students to join at a station en-route between Prittlewell and Liverpool Street.
- Alternatively, students may meet the group at **Liverpool Street Station** at the designated meeting point: Greggs inside the station concourse **for 7:40am**

From Liverpool Street, we will travel together via the Circle Line to Euston Square, followed by a short walk to UCL.

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.

Timing

The competition will run throughout the day, with debates scheduled to begin at approximately 9:00am and expected to finish between **5:30pm–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. The **School Code of Conduct** applies, as do the school's regulations for Trips and Visits, the link can be found on the parental consent form.



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 by **6:00pm on Friday the 28th of November** to indicate travel arrangements and confirm a place on the trip.

The link is here: [UCL Cup - Saturday 6th December 2025 – Fill in form](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 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