

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs R V Worth



January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: ESU Schools' MACE – Round 2

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been selected to represent the school in Round 2 of the prestigious ESU Schools' MACE competition. This is the largest national public speaking competition for schools, and our team has progressed after a successful first round at Westcliff High School for Boys.

The Competition

Round 2 will take place on **Wednesday 28th January 2026** at **The Champion School, Wingletye Lane, Hornchurch, RM11 3BX**. Debates will begin at **4:30pm** and are expected to finish around **8:30pm**, depending on student performance. Two teams from this heat will advance to the Regional Final.

Travel Arrangements

Students will depart from **SHSB at 13:00**, making their way via the following route:

- Prittlewell → Shenfield (Greater Anglia)
- Shenfield → Harold Wood (Elizabeth Line)
- Harold Wood → The Champion School (on foot)

Students may either leave from the venue with parents in attendance or return with staff, according to the preference indicated on the Microsoft Form. If permission is granted, students may also alight at a station en-route on the return journey. At this point, responsibility passes to the parents, and the alighting station must be specified on the Microsoft Form.

[ESU Mace Competition Offsite Form - 28th January 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Supervision and Conduct

Students will be supervised by **Mr O Randall (Trip Lead)** and **Mrs S Whiffin**. The School Code of Conduct applies throughout the trip, and students must follow staff instructions at all times, particularly while travelling and walking in groups.

Costs

The competition cost itself is covered by the school. Students are responsible for purchasing their own rail tickets.



Parental Consent

Please complete the offsite form by **6:00pm on Friday 23 January 2026** to confirm your child's attendance and travel arrangements.

Food & Drink

The Campion School has informed us that they will be providing sandwiches and snacks, as well as hot and cold drinks. As this competition will finish relatively late, it is advisable for students to bring additional provisions.

Contact

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at **OXR@shsb.org.uk**.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr O Randall

Trip Leader