

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Oxford Schools' Debating Competition 2025-26 – Regional Round - Tuesday 10th February 2026.

I am delighted to inform you that your child has been selected to represent Southend High School for Boys at the regional round of the Oxford Schools' Debating Competition **on Tuesday 10th February 2026**. This flagship competition brings together some of the most talented youth debaters from across the country. The regional round consists of two rounds of British Parliamentary debating, with successful teams progressing to Finals Day at Oxford.

Competition Venue and Timing

- Venue: City of London School for Girls, St Giles' Terrace, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BB
- Departure from SHSB: 14:00
- Debates: 16:30 – 20:30 (Round 1 begins at 17:15; Round 2 begins at 18:45)
- Return/Departure: Students may either leave from the venue or return with staff, depending on the preference indicated on the consent form.

Travel Arrangements

Students will leave school at 14:00, traveling via Greater Anglia rail to Liverpool Street, followed by a short 13-minute walk to the venue. Staff will supervise students throughout the journey and at the venue.

Supervision and Conduct

Students will be supervised by Mr O Randall (Trip Leader) and Miss J Amrat. The School Code of Conduct applies throughout the trip. Students must follow staff instructions at all times, particularly when travelling and walking in groups.

Preparation

- Students must have watched the Debater Briefing prior to the competition. Its content will not be repeated on the day, and students will not be allowed to compete if they have not viewed it: [Debater Briefing](#)



- Teams have been allocated by school and students must remain in their assigned teams for both rounds and, if successful, for Finals Day.

Costs

The entry fee is covered by the school. Students are responsible for purchasing their own rail tickets.

Parental Consent

Please complete the offsite consent form by Wednesday 4th February 2026 to confirm your child's attendance and travel arrangements:

[Oxford Debating Competition - 10 February 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Contact

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

Thank you for supporting our students as they compete in this prestigious national debating competition.

Yours sincerely,

Mr O Randall
Trip Leader