

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs R V Worth



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Imperial Schools - BP Debating Competition

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been selected to represent the school at the Imperial Schools British Parliamentary (BP) Debating Competition on **Saturday 14 February 2026**.

This competition is a major BP tournament featuring some of the highest-quality youth debaters in the country. Students will compete in **four rounds**, with a lunch break after the second round, and will have the opportunity to develop their debating skills in a highly competitive environment. Successful teams may qualify to break into the finals.

Competition Venue and Timing

The event will take place at **Imperial College London, South Kensington Campus**.

Students will meet staff for travel as follows (preference to be expressed on the Microsoft Form):

- **06:20am** at Prittlewell Station to catch the **06:33 Greater Anglia train**.
- Alternatively, students may join at an intermediate station on the route.
- Alternatively, students may meet the group at **Liverpool Street Station**, at the designated meeting point inside **Greggs by 07:30am**.

From Liverpool Street, students will travel via the **Circle Line to South Kensington**, followed by a **7-minute walk** to the venue.

The competition is expected to conclude at approximately **7:15pm**.

Return Travel Arrangements

Students may either:

- Return via the same route with staff, or
- Leave directly from the venue, depending on the option selected on the Microsoft Form.

If a student leaves directly from the venue, responsibility will pass to their parent/carer at that point.



Supervision and Conduct

Students will be supervised by **Mr O Randall (Trip Lead)** and Mr L Randall. 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

Competition entry fees and staff travel are **fully covered by the school**.

Students are responsible for purchasing their own rail tickets. **Lunch is not provided**, so students should bring a packed lunch.

Parental Consent

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

[Imperial Schools - BP Debating Competition - 14 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 take part in this competition.

Yours sincerely,

Mr O Randall

Trip Leader