

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs R V Worth



February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Cambridge Schools Debating – Regional Round (Online) – Saturday 7th March 2026

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been selected to participate in the **Cambridge Schools Debating Regional Round** this year. The competition will take place **online** on **Saturday 7th March 2026** via a platform such as Microsoft Teams or Zoom. Detailed login instructions will be sent to students closer to the event.

Whilst previous years have seen in-person heats, this round will be held online. Should any of our teams proceed from this round to the finals day, the finals day stage will still be in person at Cambridge University. The full entry cost for this competition has been covered by the school.

Timings for the Day:

- **08:45 – 9:00:** Check in with OXR via Teams/Zoom
- **09:00 – 09:30:** Online registration / check-in via Teams/Zoom
- **09:30 – 10:00:** Briefings
- **10:00 – 11:55:** Round 1
- **11:55 – 13:50:** Round 2
- **13:50 – 14:20:** Lunch (please provide your own)
- **14:20 – 16:15:** Round 3
- **16:15 – 18:00:** Round 4
- **18:00:** Event concludes

Students should **log in 15 minutes before the first round** to allow for registration and technical checks. A staffed check-in session will be available to assist with any technical issues.

Supervision and Contact:

I will be on the call throughout the day and available via **school email or Microsoft Teams** should any participating team need assistance. Students will remain under parental responsibility at home, but I will act as the point of contact and maintain attendance registers during the event.

Behaviour and Safeguarding:

As with any school event, the **School Code of Conduct** applies. Students are also expected to follow the school's **Code of Conduct for Trips and Visits**.

Confirmation of Participation:

To confirm your child's attendance, please complete the **registration form** by Friday 27 February 2026.
[Cambridge Schools Debating – Regional Round \(Online\) – Saturday 7th March 2026 – Fill in form](#)



Once the competition organisers provide the online link for the platform, it will be sent to students via their school email, provided the permission form has been submitted.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at OXR@shsb.org.uk if you have any questions or concerns, either in advance or on the day of the event.

Thank you for your support as your child represents the school in this exciting competition.

Yours sincerely,

Mr O Randall
Debating Lead