

Bar Mock Trial Competition Saturday 6th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted that your child has chosen to take part in the 'Bar Mock Trial' competition which we are currently preparing for, every Monday after school in P101 from 15:35 – 16:30. As we get closer to the date of the competition, this will be extended to 17:00.

The local heats will take place on Saturday 6th December at the University of Hertfordshire - Hertfordshire Law School, Mosquito Way, AL10 9EU, Hatfield. **Please drop your child directly at the venue by 09:00.**

Your child will need a packed lunch and any medical equipment they may need (e.g. EpiPen, inhaler). I have discussed with the students what they should wear, which is professional attire, but please do not buy anything special.

There is a cost for your child to participate in the competition, and in accordance with the school's charging and remissions policy, you are asked to make a voluntary contribution of £20.00 via SCOPAY to cover the cost of entry to the competition as the Citizenship Foundation charges an entry fee. This payment can be made via Scopay (www.scopay.com/beaconsfield) by Sunday 2nd November 2025.

If you feel you may be eligible for financial support, please email pupilpremium@beaconsfieldhigh.school or if you are having difficulty meeting payment deadlines and wish to discuss a payment plan, please contact trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school

Where Sixth Form students are entitled to 16-19 Bursary, we ask that the students make the payments out of the money received from the bursary.

We are currently awaiting more information from the organisers, as soon as I receive this, I will update you with details of the day. Should you wish to stay and watch, there is usually a limited number of places (last year it was one supporter per team member). Please email me martin-k@beaconsfieldhigh.school to let me know if you wish to stay, as I have to inform the court of the names of those competing and supporting in advance.

The competition organisers take photos/film of the teams during the day of the competition and use the photographs in their publications. They will also give us copies of all the photos as a memento of the event. Your child has already given their consent to this as per school policy.

Your child is working hard to prepare and whatever the final ranking of the teams in the competition, it is undoubtedly an invaluable learning experience. The competition develops numerous life skills, such as oracy and critical thinking and gives a real insight into our legal system which can help to prepare students for what might be a lifelong career.

If you have any questions about the day, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Ms K Martin

Teacher of Drama and English

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