



HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

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21 June 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Independent Schools Mock Trials

We are planning to enter a team in the 2019/20 Independent Schools Mock Trials competition run by Young Citizens. This will give 15 pupils (aged between 14 and 18) the opportunity to participate in a competitive mock criminal trial preparing both prosecution and defence cases for two specially written trial briefings. On the day of the competition pupils will take on a range of roles (barrister, usher, juror) to gain a full understanding of the workings of the court. This is a wonderful opportunity for any pupil interested in pursuing a career in law to enhance their knowledge of the criminal system, and would help strengthen their application for a law degree or job in the future. Full details may be found here <https://smartlaw.org.uk/mock-trials/independent-schools/whats-involved/>

As we envisage this being a popular event we are initially seeking expressions of interest, and an agreement to your child taking part if selected. We will decide on a final team to take forwards to the competition during the Michaelmas Term when we will hold case preparation and practise sessions. The regional heat will take place either on Saturday 25 January or Saturday 1 February 2020 depending on our allocation, the competition fee and transport to the heat will be a total of £65 which will be added to the Lent Term fees of the selected participants.

Please indicate your child's interest on the electronic reply slip by Monday 1 July 2019.

Yours faithfully

Caroline Rogerson
Assistant Head

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Head of Careers