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Dear Parent/Carer

Bar Mock Trial Event – Guildford Regional Heat - Saturday 29th November 2014

I am pleased to contact you with regard to the above event. Your child has been selected to represent Sackville in a mock trial event to be held at Guildford Crown Court on the 29th of November.

Students will be playing the role of barristers, court personnel, jurors and witnesses in cases against other schools and colleges from the region. Their performances are judged by circuit judges, recorders and senior barristers or advocates. At regional heats teams take part in three trials both prosecuting and defending one case and prosecuting or defending the other. The two teams with the highest scores go on to a fourth trial to decide the regional winning team who then goes on to compete in the national final.

The aim is for the students to gain an understanding of the legal and human rights and responsibilities underpinning society, how they relate to them as citizens, including the role of the criminal and civil justice systems and to understand the work of courts in making and shaping the law.

The students will be transported to the court by school minibus and will need to be at school by 7.30am on Saturday morning in either school uniform or clothes appropriate to their role in the case. The event is due to finish at 4.15pm and students will need collecting from school at approximately 5.30pm. Student should bring a pen and notepad as well as a packed lunch, snacks and drinks to last them through the day as we cannot guarantee the availability of any drink or food for sale.

Please could you complete the reply slip below and attached consent form and return to me as soon as is possible so that we can confirm a team list to the competition organisers.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Fleming
Curriculum Leader of Business, Law and Economics

To: Mrs Fleming

Name of student _____ Form _____

I wish for my child to take part in the mock trial event to be held at Guildford Crown Court on Saturday 29th of November 2014.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer Date _____

