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Dear Parent/Carer

Bar Mock Trial Event – Maidstone Regional Heat on Saturday 12th November 2016

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 Maidstone Crown Court on Saturday 12th 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. Students 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. Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our website at http://www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/?page_id=26728.

Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.

Please could you complete the reply slip attached and return to me as soon as 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















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