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## Bar Mock Trial Competition 2021-2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am delighted to be able to inform you that Glenlola Collegiate will once again take part in the Bar Mock Trial. This is a fantastic opportunity for any pupil considering a career in the justice system. The programme usually includes using tailored and age-appropriate legal resources to build a case. This will usually be in preparation for the regional competition, where the cases will be acted out in a criminal trial in a real court, in front of a real judge.

While we do not yet know exactly what the competition element of the programme will look like in the coming months, we are keen to allow pupils to gain an insight into the world of Law that comes from being involved in the programme and preparation. Pupils will also gain experience which may be extremely valuable when applying for university.

If the competition is able to go ahead in early 2022, winning teams from each regional heat will advance to the national final later in the year. We anticipate that the competition may be run through video conferencing software if it is not able to be held as an in-person event.

The programme will begin in September, and will probably take the form of one after-school session per week (lasting between sixty and ninety minutes), plus individual study and preparation between lessons.

Pupils must be willing to commit to uphold this commitment and be prepared to complete all the additional preparation and research work before applying to be part of the team. While the programme does involve a lot of hard work, it develops pupils' skills in critical thinking, public speaking, flexibility and problem-solving, as well as their ability to work independently and as part of a team.

Pupils currently in Years 12 and 13 can apply to by joining the Bar Mock Trial Google Classroom (code: **b55eikn**) and completing the application process outlined therein by 15:30 on Friday 25th June.

Due to the success of the previous two years, we do anticipate a lot of interest in the programme this year. As there are a limited number of spaces on the team, an additional application and/or interview process (via video-link) may then be followed.

If you would like any additional information, this can be found on googleclassroom and the Young Citizens website: <https://smartlaw.org.uk/mock-trials/bar-mock-trials-teachers/>.

Kind regards,

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