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Dear Colleague

Schools' Debating Competition

As part of Local Democracy Week 2018, Solihull Council's Electoral Services are organising a Schools Debating Competition for sixth form students across Solihull. The event will take place on **Friday 19th October from 1.00pm until 4.30pm** and be held in our magnificent Council Chamber which has been enjoyed over the years by many politicians as an inspirational debating environment.

The event will be webcasted live on the Council's website, so family and friends will be able to watch the proceedings and the students taking part will be able to look back at the debates.

Teams are made up of four students (three debaters and a timekeeper) and a training session will be organised in October to assist the young people taking part and to give them some top tips for debating. The debate topics for the first round will be chosen in October and shared with the schools taking part. The two teams with the highest points compete in the grand final and the winners will receive a prestigious shield, which the School can keep for one year.

There is no charge for attending the event and booking early is advised.

If you would like to book a place, then please email matthew.rossi@solihull.gov.uk.

To discuss any future democratic engagement activities with your school, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0121 704 8303.

Yours sincerely

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Matthew Rossi
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