

Solihull Sixth Form Schools Debating Competition

**Friday 18
October 2019
Council Chamber
1pm – 4:30pm**

How will the event work?

Teams are made up of 4 students (3 speakers and a time keeper) and teams will have 7 ½ minutes to argue their points as they convince the audience (and the judges) to agree with them. The two highest scoring teams will compete in the grand final at 4pm, where the winners will walk away with our coveted shield, presented by the Mayor of Solihull.

Debate topics will be shared with students two weeks before the event. The competition will be webcast live on the Council's website.

Who will be on the judging panel?

Guest judges include **Councillor Laura McCarthy**, **Councillor Ken Meeson** (Cabinet Member for Education) and **Phil Leivers** (Assistant Director, Learning and Achievement).

The judges will be scoring you on your ability to evidence and explain your key points together with your organisation and delivery of your debates. Students are invited to attend a short training session on Wednesday 2 October to help them prepare and pick up some top tips for debating. The training takes place in the Council Chamber from 1-3pm.

Plus!

The afternoon will also include a Q&A session with **Dame Caroline Spelman MP**.

To book a team in the debate, please contact matthew.rossi@solihull.gov.uk or call 0121 704 8303.

