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Dear Parent/Carer

Edinburgh Union Junior Schools Debating Competition 2019

I am writing in relation to Mearns Castle High School's involvement in the Edinburgh Union Juniors Debating Competition on Saturday 23 November 2019. This is an annual event and one of only two national short preparation debating competitions run for Junior debaters (S1-3) in Scotland. I am now able to provide you with more details of the competition and the travel itinerary.

The party will be travelling to **Edinburgh Waverley** by train from **Glasgow Queen Street**. Below are the departure and arrival times.

Outward journey

Depart: Glasgow Queen Street 08.00

Arrive: Edinburgh Waverley 08.48

Return journey

Depart: Edinburgh Waverley 19.00

Arrive: Glasgow Queen Street 19.44

The group must meet in **Queen Street** station **no later than 7.45am** on Saturday morning.

The venue for the competition this year is the **David Hume Tower** (George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9JX) in Edinburgh University. This is a 10-15 minute walk from Waverley train station. Below is the confirmed timetable for the event:

09.00 - 09.40	Registration
09.40 - 10.00	Announcements
10.00 - 11.45	Round 1
11.45 - 13.30	Round 2
13.30 - 14.15	Lunch (provided)
14.15 - 16.00	Round 3
16.00 - 17.30	Finals
17.30 - 18.00	Announcement of winners

The Edinburgh Union will provide a packed lunch although pupils can bring their own packed lunch if they prefer. It may also be advisable to bring a small amount of spending money as there may be a short time to buy food before the train journey home.

The pupils will be accompanied by two members of staff, Miss Adams and Miss McGinley, from the Social Subjects department. In case of an emergency on the day, you can contact one of the trip leaders on 07767 005 145

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further enquiries.

Yours sincerely

John McGowne
Debating Coach/History Department