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Dear Parent/Carer

Cambridge Union Schools Debating Competition 2020

I am writing with information about the forthcoming trip to Cambridge University from Friday 6 March - Sunday 8 March 2020. Mearns Castle High School will this year compete in the Cambridge Union Schools Debating Finals day after qualifying from the Cambridge Regional heat on Saturday 7 December 2019.

I am now able to provide you with more details of the travel itinerary and the itinerary for the competition itself. Pupils should meet at Glasgow Airport no later than 10.30 just inside the terminal.

Outward Journey – Friday 6 March 2020

Depart Glasgow Airport: 11.55

Arrive Stanstead Airport: 13.10

Depart Stanstead by train: 13.48

Arrive Cambridge: 14.19

Taxi from Cambridge Station to Victoria Guest House, 57 Arbury Road, Cambridge

Return Journey – Sunday 8 March 2020

Depart Cambridge: 15.15

Arrive Stanstead Airport: 15.45

Depart Stanstead Airport: 17.00

Arrive Glasgow Airport: 18.40

Our accommodation for the trip is The Victoria Guest House on Arbury Road

<https://www.victoria-guesthouse.co.uk/>

I have attached a provisional schedule. As you will see from the itinerary, the Union will provide lunch and dinner on the Saturday. Breakfast is included with the accommodation. It would be advisable for pupils to bring a small amount of spending money for food at other meal times. I will inform you if there are any unlikely changes to these arrangements.

The school has agreed to meet part of the cost of trip. Pupils are being asked to pay £150 towards the cost. This has been added to your Parent Pay account and deadline for payment is Friday 21 February 2020.

I will leave a contact mobile number that you can call if you need to get in touch or in the case of an emergency. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any further enquiries.

Yours sincerely

John McGowne

History department/Debating Coach

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Cambridge Union Finals Day schedule (provisional)

08:30 Registration Opens

09:30 Registration Closes

10:00 Round 1

11:45 Round 2

13:15 Lunch

13:45 Round 3

15:30 Round 4

17:15 Break

17:30 Semi Finals

18:45 Dinner

19:45 Grand Final