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Dear Parents and Carers

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Mock Trial Competition

I am writing to you to inform you about the "Mock Trial" competition for year 8 and 9 pupils which your child has shown a great interest in.

The "Mock Trial" competition is hosted by the Young Citizens Award and is held on **Saturday 14th March at Hereford Justice Centre**. As part of this competition, we are provided with a specially written case and pupils try the law against their peers from other schools in Herefordshire, developing both their confidence and their understanding of the law. Pupils will be given roles accordingly such as prosecutors and magistrates. Your child has already been given a talk by one of the magistrates from Hereford Justice Centre to introduce them to the competition, the case and the expectations. Each pupil has a copy of the case materials. They have also met Mrs Kriss Ewing who is our Chair of Governors who will be helping to train and prepare the pupils for the main competition on Saturday 14th March.

To prepare for the competition, pupils will be training on a Thursday lunch time through to the end of the day over the next six weeks. This will start on Thursday 29th January.

On Monday 9th February, the team will be visiting Hereford Justice Centre. We will be leaving school at 8.45 and returning during the afternoon. Pupils will have the opportunity to see and speak to a range of people who work in the court. We will be attending at least one court case on the day as members of the public. I would like to mention that we will not know until the day what the court case will be or involve. We will speak with pupils when we arrive at court, and they will be able to let us know if they are finding any aspect of the case upsetting or triggering in any way and they will be able to leave the case if they need to. Pupils will need to wear full school uniform and bring a packed lunch. If pupils receive fee school meals and require a packed lunch from the canteen, please let me know by contacting the school office or emailing me at tloyd@tcat.school

In order to take part in all of the above, pupils must be available to compete as part of the team on Saturday 14th March.

I am sure you would agree that this is a very exciting opportunity. I would be very grateful if you could please confirm that you are happy for your son/ daughter to take part in the training, the court trip and that they will be available on Saturday 14th March. Please sign up via MCAS, under Trips, Tuesday 27th January.



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Kind regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'T. Lloyd', written in a cursive style.

Mrs. T. Lloyd
Assistant Head Teacher