



From MFL Co-ordinator: Alexandra Cardinal von Widdern

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Dear Parents,

Modern Foreign Languages Cheltenham College Debating Competition

I am writing to invite your son to the Modern Languages Debating Competition organised at **Cheltenham College on Wednesday 27 November 2019**. The competition will involve Sixth Form students studying MFL (French, German or Spanish) at L6 and U6.

Debating competitions in a foreign language are excellent preparation for public speaking in general as well as for public examinations and a truly stimulating experience for all Sixth Form participants. It is no surprise that Abingdon students have been very successful at such events in the past.

This event will take place at Cheltenham College. We will depart Abingdon School coach park at 11am to **return at approximately 9pm** traffic permitting. The cost would be approximately £15 per student for transport.

Some snacks and drinks will be provided. Teams will debate against other teams in a pool and the winner of each pool will compete in the semi-final and final. Prizes will be awarded for finalists. The competition follows similar principles to those of the debating competition in English. Participating boys will receive a document containing the rules and examples of past motions.

Abingdon Language assistants and Miss Widdern (for German) are currently running (bi)weekly sessions to prepare students for the event. Those students attending these sessions would be given priority on this trip due to limited numbers. However, especially Upper VI students or those with prior experience of debating may wish to attend the competition only and are warmly invited to do so should numbers allow.

If you would like for your son to participate in this event, please complete the google form [here](#) by Friday 9 November. Please note that students need to give any match commitments priority and that we have a limited number of spaces.

Yours sincerely

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