



22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

**Debate Mate Launch - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Dear Parent/Carer,

There will be a day trip for a select number of Debate Mate students to Reel Cinema, Quinton, B62 9AS and The University of Birmingham, B15 2TT.

Two sessions will take place during this visit, which has been specifically designed to develop all English skills. Pupils will initially attend the Into Film Festival Screening of Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle. The Into Film is the largest film festival in the world and resources are provided to prepare students to watch the film critically to enable them to write an honest and engaging review afterwards. Pupils will then attend the Debate Mate Launch at the University of Birmingham where they will watch highly skilled orators compete in a Show Debate. Throughout the afternoon, students will pick up invaluable skills as they prepare to participate in the Debate Mate 2018-19 programme. This day is designed to be highly interactive and engaging, highlighting to pupils that English is a contemporary and vital subject, full of skills that will benefit them in all areas of life.

The pupils will attend as a group, along with Mrs Evans and Mr White. The minibus will leave St Edmund's at 8.40am. Pupils will be back at school around 4.45pm, depending on traffic. Therefore, pupils will need to make alternate arrangements to get home as the school buses will have already departed and no drop-offs other than at school will take place.

All pupils will be required to:

- Go to the toilet on arrival at school
- Register with Mrs Evans in the Peace Garden at 8.35am
- Bring a packed lunch and drinks, some refreshments may be bought at the university campus
- Wear full school uniform and ensure they bring a coat as there will be a short walk through the university campus
- Any medication they may need (inhalers etc), clearly labelled and given to Mrs Evans

If you would like your forename to attend, please complete the attached Consent Form and return by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Evans - Assistant Curriculum Leader English



To be returned to Student Support Office, St Edmund's Catholic Academy by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Consent Form

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Student's Name: ..... Tutor: .....

- I would like my child to take part in the Debate Mate Launch Trip
- I consent to the administration of emergency medical treatment should it be deemed necessary by the staff accompanying the visit.
- Details of any medical problems/medication being taken  
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*Please notify school at a later date if this should change before date of Visit.*

- Emergency Contact Number.....

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- Dietary Requirements.....

*Please notify school at a later date if this should change before date of Visit.*

*Students will arrive back at school approximately 4.45pm and I will arrange for my son/daughter to be collected or to make his/her own way home.*

Signed..... Parent/Guardian Date.....



