

Dear Parents / Carers,

On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025, St Mary's Fields Academy is hosting a Mock Magistrates Trial Competition. On the day we will be joined by pupils from seven other local schools as part of the educational competition. This event for Leicester City Schools has been developed by the ***Leicestershire and Rutland Magistrates Association – Magistrates in the community educating young people about the dangers of crime.***

The event involves educating pupils about knife crime as well as the dangers and myths surrounding it. A presentation on 'knife crime choices and consequences' will be given and then some selected pupils will be given 'parts' and the remaining pupils will form the mock trial court audience. There will also be time for the children to have a question and answer session during the event. Schools will go head to head to perform their roles in the mock trial and they will receive scores for how well they perform. Headteachers of all of the schools have checked the materials for suitability.

Those pupils who have been selected to play a specific part in the Mock Trial (5 Speaking and 3 Non-speaking parts) will act out a pre-rehearsed script around a knife crime incident, where there will be deliberations to determine the outcome of the case. The aim is to educate the children around knife crime as well as an understanding into the youth justice system. Pupils with selected parts will be provided with a script, they will have the chance to practice working through the script in school before the event and they will be able to have the script with them on the day to read out from if necessary.

The roles to play on the day are;

- Prosecution Solicitor
- Legal Advisor
- Witness (x3)
- A PCSO
- Magistrate
- Court Artist
- Court Reporter

### **Consent**

We require your consent for your child(ren) to take part in this event and be educated in Knife Crime as well as the dangers and myths surrounding it. Please complete and return the slip below to their Year 6 class teacher by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please speak to a member of the Year 6 team.

Kind Regards,

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**Y6 Mock Magistrates Trial competition at St Mary's Fields Academy**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_  
to take part in the Mock trial competition with the Leicestershire and Rutland Magistrates  
Association. I understand that my child will be educated in in Knife Crime as well as the  
dangers and myths surrounding it.

Signed .....Date .....

**This event is during the school day, so on the day pupils will need to wear their uniform  
as normal (As we are on the blue team – please ensure that your child wears their  
Academy school jumper – NO PE KITS THIS FRIDAY PLEASE).**

**As this event is within school, your child can have their normal lunch arrangement for  
the day.**