

Students Flock To The Bar - Put down your drinks and pick up your gavels!

Holbrook High School students are donning their wigs and gowns to compete in the Bar National Mock Trial Competition at Norwich Crown Court on the 28th of November.

The competition delves into the works of the legal system with students taking the roles of defence and prosecution. As their heat draws nearer, the team are busily preparing and all are excited about this fantastic experience ahead of them, *"Being one of the barristers, the pressure's really on, but I can't wait to be in the court room doing it for real!"* - Holly Hewitt, barrister. *"Everyone is so focused and all seem to be really getting into it, I think we have a good chance of getting into the finals."* - Peter Loveland, Court Reporter.

The Bar Mock Trial Competition is a nation-wide competition, giving young people an opportunity to delve into the workings of the British legal system. It involves months of preparation from a team of 17 high school students, all acting as different roles such as lawyers, witnesses, court staff and jurors.

The competition consists of a live mock trial in a Crown Court between different schools in the region, the teams will prepare carefully constructed witness statements for 2 cases, both as defence and prosecution and the performance will be judged by Circuit Judges, Recorders and Senior Barristers. Around 2,000 students take part in this competition each year and the winning team of each Regional Heat goes through to the National Final, let's hope it's us!

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