

# **GREAT SHAKESPEARE DEBATE - HEATS 2008**

## **Notes for Applicants – please read before completing the application form**

- The deadline for completed applications is Friday 17 October 2008. Any applications received after this date will not be considered.
- A registration fee of £30 will apply for teams selected to take part in the heats at either King's College London or The University of Warwick. A further £100 will be charged to schools that are selected for the Grand Final in Stratford-upon-Avon (4-5 March 2009), for which overnight accommodation on 4 March, and theatre tickets will be provided.
- Wherever possible schools will be allocated their first preference for the heats but if more schools apply for a particular venue than can be accommodated they would be offered the opportunity to switch venues.
- The heats will be full-day events starting at 9.30 am and ending at 4.45 pm.
- Schools who took part in The Great Shakespeare Debate 2008 are welcome to submit a team for the 2008/9 events, but students who have previously participated, may not compete again. No more than one team per school will be eligible to participate.
- The same students will be expected to compete in both the heat and the final.
- The event is open to both AS and A2 students.
- The Great Shakespeare Debate is a debating competition, with motions themed around Shakespeare and his plays. Over the course of the two events, students will receive basic debate training from ESU mentors, as well as sessions on themes within Shakespeare's plays. Prior experience in debate is not required, but may be advantageous.
- Please indicate on the application form which of Shakespeare's plays you are currently studying, or feel most confident speaking about.
- All schools that apply for the competition will receive written notification about whether or not they have been selected, together with more detailed information on the structure of the heats.
- Good luck, and hopefully we will see you at one of the heats!

Heats for this year's Great Shakespeare Debate will take place on:

**Saturday 1 November 2008 – King's College London**

**Friday 7 November 2008 – The University of Warwick** (located outside Coventry)