



## Sheriffs' Challenge 2022



Alderman and Sheriff Alison Gowman  
Sheriff of the City of London 2021-2



Alderman and Sheriff Nicholas Lyons  
Sheriff of the City of London 2021-2



Financial Services Group  
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Dear Participants in the Sheriffs' Challenge,

Thank you so much for all that you and your Livery Company have already done in previous years in supporting this wonderful event, which is gathering momentum year by year.

The 2022 Sheriffs' Challenge subject chosen by the Sheriffs Alison Gowman and Nick Lyons and the Chair of the FSG, Andrew Marsden, is:

### **Should the purpose of the City of London go beyond creating wealth and jobs?**

**Heats: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2022** at 5.30 pm judged by FSG Masters/Past Masters (venue to be confirmed).

**Final: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 5.30 pm** at the Old Bailey, judged by Old Bailey Judges and the Sheriffs.

As you know, the principle of the Sheriffs' Challenge is to give teams of up to 6 Year 12 students (Lower VI) in London schools, who might otherwise not have such an opportunity, an occasion to develop their 'Fusion Skills' that will prepare them for life and work. They will:

- develop and practise their public speaking skills and other 'fusion skills' in a formal setting;
- develop their confidence and enable them to rise to an occasion that would be normally well outside of their comfort zone;
- prepare and present material and work as a team;
- gain an insight into the world of work in the City of London;
- consider that a career in the City environment is achievable for them;
- consider the event to be a significant, value-added experience;
- provide the opportunity for the participating Livery Companies to establish stronger links with the chosen schools and for them to add value to the experience of the school coaches and pupils alike.

The sponsorship (£120 per school team) and the Livery Lead mentoring support in crafting their team presentations are invaluable gifts given by the Livery Companies to these students. Participation has a transformational impact on students' thinking and confidence, so it is important to give as many London schools as possible an opportunity to participate. Your Livery may already have links with specific London Schools, or you may now be interested to set these up.

Please could you:

1. Forward this email at the earliest opportunity to your Liverymen in order to identify who would like to take this forward as the 2022 'Livery Lead'(s) for your Company and then let me know their direct contact details. I will then forward the speaking specifications to them so that they can be shared with their schools at the beginning of the Autumn Term, when the students will want to begin gathering their teams and preparing their presentations.

Livery Leads need to have their school teams in place, with details to me, by October 15<sup>th</sup> please, if possible.

2. Let me know if you or your Master/Past Master would like to be a Judge at one of the Heats. (There are three Judges at each Heat who use specific marking criteria to determine the results.)

Kind regards,  
Dr Anne Punter,

*Lower Warden and Court Assistant,  
Worshipful Company of Educators*