

20<sup>th</sup> June 2022

RE: BBC Any Questions? Is coming to Washington Academy

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to inform you that Washington Academy is lucky enough to have been chosen to host BBC Radio 4's Any Questions? on **Friday 1st July**.

As part of this, we're delighted to invite you to attend this event. You will be able to take part in the audience on the day and ask questions to the specialist panel (names will be confirmed closer to the time). As well as partaking in the event, you will also have the opportunity to look around our school site and facilities – which you may have been unable to do previously, due to the pandemic.

Any Questions? Is a topical discussion, panel show, of personalities from the worlds of politics, media, science, and elsewhere. It is broadcast live on Radio 4 on Friday evenings at 8pm. Any Questions? travels throughout the United Kingdom, and is hosted at a different location each week. The audience submits questions on the day of the broadcast and these are then shortlisted by the producer, who selects ten – across a range of subjects – to be used in the show. Normally, four to six questions are included in the final broadcast.

One of the most stringent and unchanging rules of Any Questions? is that the panel never sees the questions in advance; therefore, the panellists hear them for the first time at the same moment the audience in the hall and at home does.

Please see a rough guide to the day:

**Approximate Time Guide to the evening**

18:30 Doors open to the public (this is discretionary)

19:25 The venue welcomes the audience followed by the BBC's warm-up at 19:30

19:45 The BBC producer calls the questioners to the front row.

20:00 BBC Radio 4 News Live

20:02 Live broadcast of Any Questions? (ends 20:50)

If you'd be interested in joining us, and being a member in the audience, please reserve your free ticket by clicking on the following link. <https://bit.ly/AnyQsWA>

Alternatively, you can visit our website, where you will also find the link to reserve tickets.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr D Austwick