

PRIME MINISTER

THAMES TV CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

You are to be interviewed by eleven youngsters at 10.30am on Monday, 19 December for Thames TV's national children's programme, "CBTV".

This programme will be recorded in the White Drawing room and broadcast at 4.45pm on Tuesday the 20th. It will also be transmitted to several children's programmes in Commonwealth countries over the festive season.

The 13-16 year old interviewers are from ten Commonwealth countries, including the United Kingdom, plus one from the Falkland Islands. The young people are being educated in Britain and represent England, Falkland Islands, Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Grenada, India, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, Hong Kong and Jamaica. A list of names is at Annex A.

The questions will be both personal and "political", with each youngster ready to ask something relevant to his own country. A list of the "political" questions is at Annex B.

The Presenter is Paul Henley, who will be casually dressed to blend in with the usual atmosphere of the programme and with the age of the youngsters. He will introduce the discussion and wind up and will only intervene if anyone "dries up".

A make-up lady will be on hand at 10.30am and there will be time to meet the youngsters and help them to relax before recording begins.

Romola Christopherson will look after the occasion.

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