



INTERNATIONAL INDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL, RIYADH

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English Debate Competition for Grade VIII Students

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that the school will be organizing an English Debate Competition for students of Grade VIII on Thursday, 08 October 2026.

Participation is mandatory as it is an excellent opportunity for students to develop their public speaking skills, enhance their vocabulary and gain confidence in expressing their ideas effectively.

GRADE	TOPIC
VIII	Does Competition do more harm than good?

Evaluation Scale for the competition

1. Analysis of the topic - 10
2. Diction, delivery and presentation - 10
3. Relevance of the material - 10
4. Evidence and allusion - 10
5. Logic and reasoning - 10
6. Rebuttal - 10

Code of Conduct

1. The speaker must conform to a formal mode of speech.
2. Direct criticism and controversy should be avoided.
3. The speakers must abstain from criticizing the rules, customs and practices of the host country.
4. Sex and religion must not be broached upon in an offensive manner.
5. The speakers must strictly adhere to the dress code (School Uniform).
6. The speaker must adhere to a courteous manner.



MODUS OPERANDI

1. The moderator will formally introduce the topic followed by the explanation of the rules of the contest.
2. The moderator will first call out the opening speaker from the defenders (for). This speech will be followed by the one from the opponents (against). The same alternated sequence will be followed till the last speaker has spoken.
3. Each speaker will be allotted 2 minutes to deliver the speech with the grace period of 15 seconds to conclude his/her speech. A warning bell will be rung at the end of 3 minutes.

- The second bell indicates the expiry of the grace period.
- The third and final bell will be rung at the end of 2 minutes and 20 seconds.
- If the participant continues to speak after the third bell, it will result in his/ her disqualification.

4. The speakers will be given a five (5) minutes interval for the preparation of rebuttal. Each speaker will be given one minute and 30 seconds (1:30) for the rebuttal. The order followed for the main speeches will be followed for the rebuttal session too. Rebuttal is countervailing of the evidence and rational proposed by the opponents. It should not be an extension of the main speeches.

Best Regards,

M. Mumtaj Begum
11/7/26

Mrs. Mumtaj Begum
Principal

