

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL –RIYADH

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DEBATE COMPETITION - GRADES IX – XII

Dear parents

We are delighted to announce the upcoming Debate Competition which will be held on 11th & 12th of September 2024 for girls & boys respectively. To select the participants for the competition, a screening test will be conducted on 3rd & 4th of September 2024. For the screening, the students need to deliver a one-minute speech on any topic of their choice. Students will be shortlisted based on their performance.

EVALUATION SCALE FOR THE SCREENING

1. Analysis of the topic - 10
2. Diction, delivery, and presentation -10
3. Relevance of the material - 10

DEBATE COMPETITION

The competition will be held in two categories:

Juniors: [Grades 9 & 10]

Seniors [Grades 11 & 12]

Topic for Juniors:

Does Education System Teach Children to Handle Failure?

Topic for Seniors:

Corruption is the Major Cause for a Country's Failure.

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 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 evidences and rational proposed by the opponents. It should not be an extension of the main speeches.

EVALUATION SCALE FOR THE DEBATE 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



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