



Public Speaking and Debating Competition



**SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2020
BOSWORTH INDEPENDENT COLLEGE
NN2 6JA**

Students use oracy techniques in the classroom, every day,
in every lesson and in their day to day life.

This competition is an exciting new addition to the ISA Arts programme.
A wonderful challenge for pupils to really put their skills and knowledge
to the test and celebrate the art of oratory.

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- **SCHOOLS CAN ENTER ONLY ONE TEAM IN THE COMPETITION.**
- **TEAMS ARE COMPOSED OF THREE STUDENTS.**
- **SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY VIA THE ONLINE FORM ON THE ISA WEBSITE.**
- **COMPETITION OPEN TO MEMBERS' SCHOOLS ONLY.**

DEADLINE FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

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The ISA Public Speaking and Debating Competition is an exciting new addition to the ISA Arts programme. A wonderful challenge for pupils to really put their skills and knowledge to the test and celebrate the art of oratory.

Students are invited to compete in teams of three, on Saturday 1 February 2020
at Bosworth Independent College, Bosworth Hall NN2 6JA.

This will be a full day's programme and we would encourage all students to stay for the day,
even if they are unsuccessful in a heat.
Prizes will be presented at the end of the day.

- Competition open to Years 11, 12 and 13 only.
- Schools can enter only one team in the competition.
- Teams must be composed of three students.
- Submit your entry via the form on the ISA website.
- Competition open to Members' Schools only.
- Competition free to enter.

Deadline Friday 6 December

Rules and Guidelines

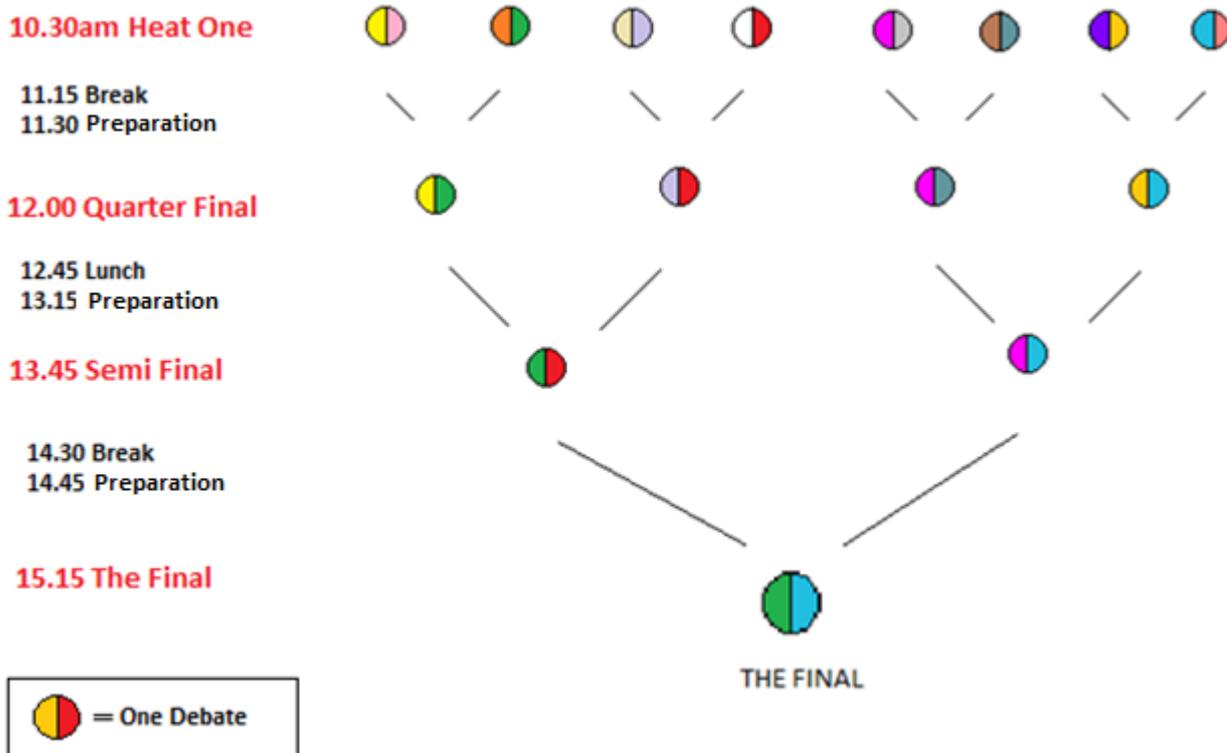
Please note that each team must provide their own laptops.

Heat Rounds

There are 3 rounds before the final, these work as shown in the diagram below.

For **Heat One**- Teams will have been given their motion and stance **ONE MONTH** prior to the event. Schools will be drawn from a hat to decide who faces who in the first heat.

There are 15-minute breaks after each debate, followed by half an hour to prepare for your next round. From the quarter final onwards, your team will receive a sealed envelope with your motion and stance at the start of your half hour.



There will be schools from the reserved list on standby in case of any last-minute changes.

Judges will decide on proceed to the next round in each heat.

Those teams who are no longer competing are encouraged to stay and watch.

The Rules for the Debate are shown below:

- Each team is to have 3 speakers.
- Each speaker has a five-minute time limit for their speech.
- One minute into each speech a bell will sound to allow for Points of Interest from the opposition.
- Four minutes into the speech the bell will sound again to mark the speaker's final minute. (Points of interest are not allowed in the last minute)
- On the fifth minute a double bell will sound to mark the end of your time. The speech must end within a few seconds of this double bell sounding or your team will be penalised.
- Once all three team members have spoken for the Proposition and Opposition it is time for each team's concluding speech.
- The concluding speeches are to be made by either the first or the second speaker of each team.
- The Proposers make the first concluding speech.
- The concluding speech is to last 4 minutes.
- No points of information are allowed during the concluding speeches.
- At three minutes a bell will sound to mark you have one-minute left.
- At four minutes a double bell will sound to mark the end of your time. The speech must end within a few seconds of this double bell sounding or your team will be penalised.

Judging the heats

Each heat will be judged by one or more judges leading to a panel of eight judges in the final.

The Final

Before the final debate takes place, each finalist team must deliver the following (team members must choose one each):

- After dinner speech
- A Reading from a text of their choice
- Improvised speech (*the only one of the three that cannot be prepared for in advance- a topic will be given to each pupil before speaking in a sealed envelope at the start of the 30 minutes*)

These should be prepared in advance of the event and should be a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes speaking time.

After this there will be a short break for the teams to set up and prepare for the final debate. This will work in the same format as the previous heats.

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- The opposition makes the first concluding speech.
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The floor will open to the audience to ask questions of each side- relating to the debate. This is to encourage participation and will not go towards the final decision.

After these questions, the audience will be asked to vote by a show of hands which side they felt presented the stronger argument.

Judging the Final

All judges from the previous heats will be present during the final. After the audience vote judges will leave to make their decision.

When the judges return, they will give some feedback to each of the teams before the prize giving.

- Entries will open in October; debate motions will be given to the participants before Christmas.
- Each School can enter only three students in the competition.
- Pupils can come with a maximum of two guests + school staff.
- Refreshments and lunch will be provided for participants and audience.
- There is parking available beneath the venue.
- **Important:** Please note the venue is **Bosworth Hall, 33 St George's Avenue, Northampton**- the postcode you should use for **Sat Nav** is **NN2 6JA** (do not use the Bosworth College postcode as this will take you to the academic buildings where there is no parking). There is a large car park to the rear of Bosworth Hall which is accessed via Brick Kiln Lane, off St George's Avenue.

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The very best of luck to all schools.