



PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

DEADLINE 25 NOVEMBER

This competition celebrates the ancient art of oration. Open to pupils of ISA Members' schools in Years 11 to 13, this event offers students an opportunity to showcase their rhetorical skills in the context of group and individual sessions.

Saturday 26 February - LVS Ascot, SL5 8DR



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ISA PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING COMPETITION 2022 – RULES AND GUIDELINES

- Eligibility

This competition is open to ISA Members' schools only. Schools can submit a maximum of one team of three students into the competition. This will be a full day's programme with prizes being given at the end of the day.

- Age group categories

Competition open to Years 11, 12 and 13 only.

- How to enter

Entries must be submitted via the entry form on the ISA website by 25 November 2021 at the latest.

Before the Competition

Before the competition your team will need to prepare the speeches for the public speaking section of the competition. Each student can choose one of the following:

- A speech inspired by a phrase

Write a 3-5 minute speech based from the proverb "there is no rule without exception".

- A reading of their choice

Choose a 3-5 minute reading from a favourite book or play.

- A speech that means a lot to them

Write a 3-5 minute speech on a topic that you are passionate about.

On the day, each team will have to select **only one** of their team members to compete for the Public Speaking.

The first debating topic will be sent to the schools to prepare, prior to the event.

There is no preparation prior to the event required for the debating rounds 2 and 3.

Please see the debating rules and guidelines below for further information.

The Competition

- Schools should arrive promptly to register by 9:00am.

You will be shown to a preparation room where you will receive your first debate topic at 9:30am with the first debate starting at 10:30am.

- The day is split in two halves with the debating taking place in the morning, and the public speaking in the afternoon. These are judged separately.

- Each debate will take place simultaneously, so it is very important we run on time to ensure the day finishes promptly.
- Only one member of staff is permitted in the room during preparation time for the debates.
- Audience members are welcome to attend this competition. However, please be aware that in the initial stages some of the rooms will be smaller in size and therefore it cannot be guaranteed that you will gain a space to watch. *(Please note that we will have to review this point nearer the time, depending on the government guidance, and in line with social distancing rules).*
- Students are required to bring their own laptops and packed lunch.
- Dress code: school uniform or business attire.
- We encourage schools to have a reserve team in case of last-minute changes.

Schedule of the day:

9.00	Judges arrival
from 9.00	Schools Arrival / registration
9.30	Preparation
10.30	Debate 1
11.15	Break
11.30	Preparation
12.00	Debate 2
12.45 - 13.15	Lunch
13.15	Preparation
13.45	Debate 3
14.30	Break
15.15	Public Speaking
16.15	adjudication
16.30	End of the day

- Debating Rules

Each debate will follow a format similar to the World Schools format, with an amended speech duration.

- 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 Information from the opposition.
- Four minutes into the speech the bell will sound again to mark the speaker’s final minute. (Points of Information 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 proposing team 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.

- Debating Guidelines

-The competition is run on a swiss tournament model meaning there are no eliminations.

Debate 1	Debate 2	Debate 3
Team 1 v Team 2	Team 1 v Team 5	Team 6 v Team 8
Team 3 v Team 4	Team 2 v Team 7	Team 7 v Team 1
Team 5 v Team 6	Team 6 v Team 3	Team 4 v Team 5
Team 7 v Team 8	Team 8 v Team 4	Team 3 v Team 2

-Each school will have the opportunity to debate three times.

-The debates will be marked to a points system including the following criteria: style, content, strategy and overall argument.

-There is a 15-minute break after each debate, followed by half an hour to prepare for your next round.

- Each team will receive an envelope with the next motion and stance at the start of each half hour. Below is the format in which it will be presented to you on the day.

	ISA Public Speaking & Debating Competition	2021
Debate 1		
vs		
Room		
Motion		
Opposition	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Proposition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

- Public Speaking

The public speaking will take place after all three debates. All competitors will be present for this as well as all four judges. Audience members are also welcome to attend (*Please note that we will have to review this point nearer the time, depending on the government guidance, and in line with social distancing rules*).

The following will have been prepared in advance by each team member and should be a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes speaking time. On the day, each team will have to select **only one** of their team members to compete for the Public Speaking with one activity of their choice below:

- A speech inspired by a phrase

Write a 3-5 minute speech based from the proverb “there is no rule without exception”.

- A reading of their choice

Choose a 3-5 minute reading from a favourite book or play.

- A speech that means a lot to them

Write a 3-5 minute speech on a topic that you are passionate about.

After both the debating and public speaking have taken the place the judges will then give their feedback and awards.

If you have any questions, please contact isaarts@isaschools.org.uk

We look forward to receiving your entries.