

ESSAY & DEBATE COMPETITION 2018/19

About the Essay and Debate Competition

Format

The competition comprises of two phases; the essay component and the debate component.

The Essay

The essay serves as the first stage of the competition and is used to qualify entrants for the Debate component.

Each student is allowed a maximum of one essay entry following the guidelines below:

1. Essays must be submitted electronically, on letter sized paper.
2. Essays must be typed in Times New Roman size 12 font and double spaced.
3. Each essay must be accompanied by a completed registration sheet.
4. Word limits: 1,000 to 1500 words for secondary and no more than 350-500 words for primary (excluding cover page and bibliography)
5. The essay must be accompanied by a bibliography that follows the APA guidelines.

N.B. A school can submit a maximum of five (5) essays

Entrants with the best essays will then be invited to participate in the Debate Component.

The Debate

The 'World Schools Style' debate format will be used.

This style of debate entails the following:

1 st Speaker	–	8 minutes
2 nd Speaker	–	8 minutes
3 rd Speaker	–	8 minutes
Rebuttal	–	4 minutes

Unlike traditional Debate Competitions competitors will be on a team with entrants from different schools.

Beforehand entrants will be advised of their team mates and be given relevant contact details. Entrants will also be advised on whether they are opposition or proposition.

On the day of the event teams will be allotted 45 minutes to finish planning and organising.