

Dear Schools,

We are delighted to host the **BSME 2023 Debate Competition** at **GEMS Founders School, Dubai**. We will be running a **Junior (Years 7-9) and a Senior (Years 10-13)** debate competition from **Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October 2023**, inclusive.

We have places for **32 Senior teams and 32 Junior teams**. Between Luke Oung, Jeremy Grigg and Shipra Yadav we have enjoyed hosting various GULF Debates and MUN conferences across the region, and are really excited about reinstating BSME Debating from this year. We will be using the WSDC format and will ask schools to provide a judge for every two teams entered (Specific details to follow).

Schools may select teams of up to five students, but only four students will be able to participate during each of the debates. Each team will have a minimum of four debates over the weekend, and there will be a medal for the best speaker in each team.

On the Friday, we will register teams, conduct judge training and have one debate.

On the Saturday, teams will have two more league debates, and then a quarter final in one of our four tiered competitions; the cup, bowl, shield or plate. That evening, we will have dinner and a social event, where we will announce the semi-final line-ups and best speaker awards. This will take place at the IHG Holiday Inn in the Science Park, in their ballroom, which is ten minutes from our school. (Which we will also provide a code for schools wishing to stay there).

During the Sunday, we will host the semi-finals and finals of the competition, where teams that have not qualified will be able to learn from these showcase debates and support their new friends, before announcing the winners of the competition in a closing ceremony.

Registration will be from 3pm on the Friday and conclude the event by 2pm on Sunday 1st October.

In terms of costings, which will include food, trophies, administration, certificates of participation and a social event, we approximate that the whole weekend (excluding accommodation, flights and transfers) will cost **400 dirhams per student**.

Please may you adhere to the following deadlines:

| Event                    | Date               |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Registration Opens       | May 8th 2023       |
| Registration deadline    | May 22nd 2023      |
| Deposit deadline         | June 22nd 2023     |
| Payment in Full deadline | September 8th 2023 |

Also, please may you indicate the competitions you would like to be considered for (EG- Junior and Senior) and how many teams you could enter (with a maximum of two for each division).

Please register your initial interest for this competition [here](#).

Kind regards,

Jeremy Grigg, Luke Oung and Shipra Yadav.