

Virtual Debate Competition 2023 Terms and Conditions

The Virtual Debate Competition will take place on 1-3 December 2023. The competition will be delivered in partnership with Debate Mate.

Registration

- The Virtual Debate Competition is open to COBIS member schools, including Applicant schools. Each school with a registered COBIS account must participate as an individual school.
- Those who register from non-member schools will be denied access to the competition.
- Schools must register their students for the event via the online form on the COBIS website.
- The cost per team is £299 + VAT.
- Each school can register a maximum of two teams.
- **The closing date for registration is Thursday 19 October 2023.**
- The competition will take place on 1-3 December 2023. There will be two timeslots to choose from: Red League: 08.00-13.00 or Blue League: 14.00-19.00 GMT
- There are limited places available for the 'morning' Red League timeslot; these will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Student Teams

- Teams should include between four and six students. All six students can participate in preparation time, however only four students per team will be able to take part in the debate.
- The competition is recommended for students in Years 11-13, aged 16+, although younger students will be permitted if the lead teacher feels it is appropriate.

Finance

- Schools must pay the participation fee in a timely manner, in accordance with the timeline specified on the invoice.
- If a school does not pay their fee by the date shown on the invoice, their place will be revoked.
- If a team withdraws after 19 October 2023, the fee will still be payable, and any payments received will be retained.

COBIS Code of Conduct

By participating in a COBIS Student Event, individuals agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as outlined below. Participants who exhibit any behaviour that contravenes this may be immediately removed from the event in question and may be suspended from future COBIS events. Please review the [COBIS Student Events Code of Conduct](#), relating to students and staff, in full.

Students:

- Demonstrate empathy, tolerance, respect, and kindness towards others.
- Be respectful of differing opinions, viewpoints, experiences, and cultural sensitivities.
- Be considerate and respectful to all participants, attendees, hosts, officials and COBIS staff.
- Do not engage in unacceptable behaviour, including but not limited to demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behaviour, materials, or speech, whether in-person or online.
- Take part for enjoyment and strive for personal excellence.
- Graciously accept constructive feedback
- Compete by the competition conditions and rules.
- Accept responsibility and apologising to those affected by our mistakes, and learning from the experience
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.

- Cooperate with the officials, teachers, and teammates (if applicable).
- Do not argue with the officials' decisions.

In the case of team events:

- Work hard for the team as well as for yourself.
- Treat all teammates and opponents with kindness and respect.

Cancellation

- COBIS and Debate Mate reserve the right to cancel this event if insufficient bookings are received, or if circumstances do not allow a virtual event to take place.

Data Sharing and Processing

- In order to administer this event, COBIS and Debate Mate will collect the following information:
 - **Students:** name, age
 - **Teacher:** Head teacher name, booking coordinator name, email and job title, finance contact name and email.
- Information will be collected by COBIS via an online form created in COBIS's website (Finalsite). This data will be shared with Debate Mate for the administration and delivery of the event. COBIS and Debate Mate will have a data sharing agreement in place to protect the transfer of this information. This information will not be passed by COBIS to any other parties.
- COBIS and Debate Mate will retain data and information in line with their data retention policies. To view the COBIS Privacy Policy, please [click here](#). To view the Debate Mate Privacy Policy, please visit [click here](#).

These event Terms and Conditions should be read in conjunction with the COBIS Membership Terms and Conditions (with specific reference to Schedule 14), which is linked [here](#). By agreeing to these event Terms and Conditions, you agree to also be bound by the relevant sections of the COBIS Membership Terms and Conditions. Should your school not adhere to the Membership Terms and Conditions, your membership with COBIS may be subject to review as determined by the COBIS Board. COBIS reserves the right to publish updated guidance and terms and conditions regarding this competition.