

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BATTLE OF MINDS (Speech Competition for Middle School)

1. This is an entry based competition, open to all the Middle School learners (Grade 06 Grade 08) at International Schooling.
2. The participants are requested to make a video where they speak on their preferred topics, with the camera in landscape mode.
3. The contestants will introduce themselves, their grade, and the topic of their speech and begin with the same.
4. Contestants are free to choose from any one of the 3 given topics:
  - **The Bleak Reality of Climate Change.**
  - **Effect of violent Video Games**
  - **Does Advertising influence our Food Choices?**
5. The time limit for the video including the introduction is 7 minutes. Hence, the video should conclude in 7 minutes itself.

### GRADING CRITERIA FOR THE SPEECH COMPETITION:

#### 1. Content (50%)

- **Speech Development:** The contestants should know the material thoroughly and organize the ideas in sequence so that the audience can understand what they are saying. The speech should have a purpose and it should have identifiable introduction, body and conclusion. A good speech attracts the audience's attention and moves on with smoothness towards the conclusion. The speech should be supported by relevant examples, facts and figures. They should give proper credits to the sources of their information.
- **Effectiveness:** The contestant must deliver his/her speech as effectively as possible. The contestant should consider how he/she can relate to the audience. The contestant must try to convince the audience of the soundness of his/her arguments. The contestant must win over the audience and the judges to his/her side.
- **Speech value:** The speech should be meaningful and authentic to the audience. The listeners should feel satisfied after listening to the speech.

## 2. Delivery (30%)

- **Physical appearance:** The contestant must dress appropriately. He/she must exhibit confidence so as to deliver an effective speech. The body language should strengthen the speech, demonstrating different facial expressions, gestures and body positioning.
- **Voice:** While delivering the speech, the voice should be flexible, easy to move from one pitch to another. The voice should be clear, so that the words can be easily understood.
- **Manner of Delivery:** This will indirectly reveal the true state of the speaker. The speaker should speak with confidence and must show interest in his/her audience.

## 3. Language (20%)

Appropriateness refers to the choice of words that is related to the purpose of the speech. The language should give a clear picture of the thoughts being expressed. Correctness of the language refers to the proper usage of the grammar and correct pronunciation of the words

6. The Judges' decisions on the results are Final. No correspondence or appeal shall be entertained.
7. All participants agree and automatically grant permission to the Organizing Committee on the usage of their photographs and/or videos taken as well as printing of their names for publishing the cultural aspects of the school.
8. Top three winners, and all the other contestants would be awarded.
9. By submitting personal information for registration, all participants acknowledge that they have read through the competition Rules & Regulations and consent to allow the Organizing Committee to use all personal information for administrative purposes and data analysis. All personal data provided will be kept confidential at all times.
10. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to disqualify any contestant if he/she does not adhere to the rules above.



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