

# Queen's Valley School

Invites you to be a part of



Session: 2017-18



Dear Principal

**'They tried to bury us. They did not know we were seeds.'**

As part of our endeavour to ignite the fire of equality, self-esteem and dignity within each individual child irrespective of the constraints of gendered notions in society, the Management, Staff and Students of Queen's Valley School cordially invite you to AURORA -Seed For Thought, an Inter-School event to be held on 14th -15th July, 2017. The event is organised in collaboration with BEHES-a non-profit organisation committed to the vision of building an all-India platform for young students to express themselves and debate some engaging and relevant topics through the free-flowing debating format. This enterprise is aimed at development of collaborative, analytical, and persuasive skills apart from their oratory faculties.

We wish all the participating schools the very best in their pursuit of excellence.

Warm regards

**Dr. N Sharma**  
Principal







### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Confirmation of participation in the event should be intimated to the host school by Monday, 10th July 2017 both telephonically and by mail ([qvsaurora2017.behes@gmail.com](mailto:qvsaurora2017.behes@gmail.com)).
2. The reporting time is 8:00 a.m. The participants must reach on time for registration. The proceedings for the event will conclude at 3:00 p.m. on 14th July, 2017 and 4:00 p.m. on 15th July, 2017. The participating schools are requested to make their arrangements accordingly.
3. The participating school may enter a maximum of 10 teams in total (of three members each **ONLY GIRLS**) as you wish in Cubs (Ages 10-13) and Lionesses(Ages 14-18) categories. Please note that these two age groups would be competing separately from each other.
4. Spot entries are not permitted.
5. The responsibility of the electronic device carried by the members of the team lies entirely with them. The host school will not take any responsibility in case of loss or damage.
6. The participating schools are also advised to ensure a personal internet connection in the form of a USB dongle, even as wifi internet facility by the host school will be provided at all venue points.
7. All participants must be smartly attired in formals only. It is mandatory to carry the School I-Card.
8. The decision of the judges will be final and binding.
9. Only one teacher should accompany the participants.
10. A demand draft or cheque drawn in favour of ' **Shiksha Sampada Educational Society**' for an amount of Rs 1500(per team) **payable at Delhi**, is required to be submitted at the **BEHES Registration Desk** by the participating schools on the 14th of July 2017.







*Behes* is a non-profit organization with the aim of promoting effective communication, public speaking and debate through workshops, tournaments and language labs. They also offer workshops at gracious host schools ( usually preceding tournaments) where they demonstrate How to 'Behes'.

## *Why Behes?*

India has been following an age-old, stagnant practice in our schools of students reading out canned speeches on the topic provided prior to the debate day. 'Behes' endorses the free flow format of debating which is being followed across the globe. It is all development of collaborative, analytical, and persuasive skills apart from their oratory faculties. We believe that the power to speak well comes only with the power to think well. The format of the tournament and the reading list are designed with this objective in mind.





## Event details

**Theme:** Gender sensitivity and Equality

**Topics:** Based on the reading list available at [behes.org](http://behes.org).  
Just click on 'Resources'!

### **Dates:**

14th July 2017 - Qualifying rounds (Both divisions: Cubs and Lionesses )

15th July 2017- Knockout rounds (Both divisions: Cubs and Lionesses)

**Dress Code:** Formals

## Rules

- Each speaker can speak only for 4 minutes.
- Any kind of electronic device cannot be used after the preparation time is over.  
However use of notebooks is permitted while speaking.
- A preparation time of 60 seconds will be given after each speaker.
- The adjudicator's decision is the final decision.





### Procedure:

1. The adjudicator flips the coin to decide the proposition and opposition team before announcing the motion.
2. The adjudicator will announce the motion and give 15 minutes to both the teams to prepare their arguments. Participants are allowed to use any kind of device (mobiles, laptops etc.), the internet or reading material in any form during this preparation time.
3. The responsibility of the electronic device carried by the members of the team lies entirely with them. The host school will not take any responsibility in case of loss or damage. The participating schools are also advised to ensure a personal internet connection in the form of a USB dongle, even as wifi internet facility by the host school will be provided at all venue points.
4. After 15 minutes, the first speaker from the proposition team (for the motion) will come forward and present her arguments. She can speak for 3-4 minutes. The adjudicator will tap once when 3 minutes are over and twice after 4 minutes. Any arguments presented beyond this time won't be considered, however the speaker can complete her sentence after the tap.
5. After a gap of 60 seconds the first speaker from the opposition team will come forward and speak.
6. In this way, speakers from each team will speak alternately with a gap of 1 minute between each speaker.
7. The adjudicator will announce the winner at the end of the debate after all the speakers have spoken, and the scores have been tabulated.





*A woman is the full circle.  
Within her is the power to  
create, nurture and transform.*



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