

Queen's Valley School

invites you to be a part of



Session: 2019-20





It's the circle of life, and it moves us all, through despair and hope, through faith and love, 'till we find our place, on the path unwinding.

- Elton John

Dear Principal

The Management, Staff and Students of Queen's Valley School cordially invite you to AURORA-Seed For Life, an Inter-School event to be held on 20th July 2019 and 22nd July 2019, organised in collaboration with BEHES-an 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. The event is an attempt on our part to promote the cause of meaningful debate and at the same time, ignite the fire of equality, self-esteem and dignity within each individual child irrespective of the constraints of gendered notions in society.

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

Warm regards
Dr. Namita Sharma
Principal





GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Confirmation of participation in the event should be intimated to the host school by Friday, 12th July 2019 both telephonically and via e-mail (info@queensvalley.in).**
- 2. The reporting time for both the days is 8:00 a.m. The participants must reach on time for registration. The proceedings for the event will conclude at 2:30 pm on 20th July 2019 and 4:00 pm on 22nd July 2019. The participating schools are requested to make their arrangements accordingly.**
- 3. The participating school may enter 20 teams in total (of three members each and GIRLS ONLY) 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 Wi-Fi internet facility by the host school will be provided at all venue points.**
- 7. All participants must be smartly attired in formals or school uniform. It is mandatory to carry the school I-Card.**
- 8. The decision of the adjudicators will be final and binding.**
- 9. One teacher representing the school should accompany the participants and should remain with the students at all times, except during the conduction of debates.**
- 10. A demand draft or cheque drawn in favour of 'Shiksha Sampada Educational Society' for an amount of Rs 2100 (per team) payable at Delhi, is required to be submitted at the BEHES registration desk by the participating schools on 20th July 2019.**





EVENT DETAILS:

Theme: 'A Perfect Circle'

**Topics: Based on the reading list available at behes.org.
Just click on 'Resources'!**

DATES

20th July 2019 (Saturday) - Qualifying rounds (Both divisions: Cubs and Lionesses)

22nd July 2019 (Monday) - Knockout rounds (Both divisions: Cubs and Lionesses)

DRESS CODE: Formals or School Uniform

RULES:

- Each speaker can speak for maximum 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. 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.
2. 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.
3. After a gap of 60 seconds the first speaker from the opposition team will come forward and speak. In this way, speakers from each team will speak alternately with a gap of 1 minute between each speaker.
4. The adjudicator will announce the winner at the end of the debate after all the speakers have spoken, and the scores have been tabulated.



'Behes' aims to promote effective communication, public speaking and debate through workshops, tournaments and language labs. The organisation also offers workshops at gracious host schools (usually preceding tournaments) where the trainers demonstrate how to 'Behes'.

Why Behes?

India has been following an age-old, stagnant practice in schools with 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 the development of collaborative, analytical, and persuasive skills apart from oratory faculties. At 'Behes' it is believed 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.



An illustration featuring several women in various poses and settings, surrounded by flowers and confetti. The background is a mix of pink and white horizontal stripes. The women are depicted in various roles: one is meditating, one is holding a baby, one is wearing a hijab, one is wearing glasses, and one is in a pink dress. The scene is decorated with pink flowers, green leaves, and gold confetti.

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



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