

# Queen's Valley School

Invites you to be a part of



Session: 2020-21



**Know that you are the perfect age. Each year is special and precious; for you shall only live it once.**

-Louise L. Hay

Dear Principal

The current circumstances have reaffirmed the maxim that learning denotes not only the acquisition of textbook knowledge, but also the development of essential skills which eventually enable individuals to deal with unparalleled life situations.

Dedicated to our commitment towards learning in the modified model of education, we invite you to our Inter school fest *E-Aurora2020: Seed for Thought* (All Girls' debate round), in association 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 keep promoting the cause of meaningful debate in these trying times 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. The theme this academic session 'The Power of Yes!' exemplifies the significance of staying affirmative and hopeful while fighting all odds.

The event will conclude with a panel discussion on the topic: 'The Quarantine Model: Challenges for Women at Work.'

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 Wednesday, 15th July 2020 both telephonically and via e-mail (info@queensvalley.in).
2. The reporting time for both the days is 9:00 a.m.
3. The participating school may enter as many teams (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 decision of the adjudicators will be final and binding.
6. The debates would be conducted over the Zoom app. The instruction to name the profiles will be shared with the participants via mail.
7. One member of each team will also be added to a WhatsApp group for sending important information before the rounds.
8. Teams should find their allotted debate room for every round at the schedule present on the Behes website- behes.org
9. Once a round starts, it is mandatory for all the debaters to keep their video on until the round has concluded.
10. Only the debater who is speaking should have their mic on. The rest should keep their microphones switched off at all times.

Please note that the opening and the closing ceremony will be hosted at the school's Instagram Page and Behes YouTube channel.

Following are the links: [https://instagram.com/qvs\\_dwarka?igshid=lrw803xb2v6c](https://instagram.com/qvs_dwarka?igshid=lrw803xb2v6c)  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0oJh5V7ww6vaGEGvu1Tn5Q>

**Theme:** 'The Power of Yes!'

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

**Dates:**

18th July 2020 (Saturday) - Qualifying rounds (Both divisions: Cubs and Lionesses)

19th July 2020 (Sunday) - Knockout rounds (Both divisions: Cubs and Lionesses)

Venue: Zoom application

**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.

During this preparatory time period, team members may communicate amongst themselves using WhatsApp and the private chat feature on zoom.

2. After 15 minutes, the first speaker from the proposition team (for the motion) will 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 start speaking. In this way, speakers from each team will speak alternately with a gap of 1 minute between each speaker.

**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.

## DAY 1 SCHEDULE

Opening Ceremony	9am
Round 1	10am – 11am
Round 2	11:10 – 12:10pm
Round 3	12:40 – 1:40pm

## DAY 2 SCHEDULE

Round Of 32	10am – 11am
Round Of 16	11:10 – 12:10pm
Quarter Finals	12:30 – 1:30pm
Semi Finals	1:40 – 2:40pm
Finals	3pm – 4pm
Panel Discussion	5pm
Closing Ceremony	7pm

*Any change in the schedule will be informed via email to the participants. Please note that functional email ids should be mentioned while registering as most of the communication before the competition will be done via mail.*

For any clarifications contact:

1) Ms. Surbhi Nagpal (9899387344)

2) Behes Coordinator- Mr. Nabhaneel Tiwary (9818259180)

**Behes** is an organization formed to spread the message of free speech and debate in schools and colleges around the country. The top teams from the event will qualify for the MahaBehes. '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.

*You may contact the Behes coordinator for an online orientation to be organised for your students to have a lucid understanding of the methodologies and techniques required for active participation in the tournament. You may also watch this short video to learn more about the debate tournaments - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r97D-\\_V\\_xHo&t=17s!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r97D-_V_xHo&t=17s!)*





**“Every thought we think  
is creating our future.” - Louise L. Hay**



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