



Queen's Valley School

Invites you to be a part of



A people's relationship to their heritage is the same as the relationship of a child to its mother.

- John Henrik Clarke
(American historian and professor)

Dear Principal

Queen's Valley School considers balancing heritage and development a crucial endeavour. While heritage encompasses both tangible artifacts and intangible traditions, development focuses on improving the living conditions through infrastructure and growth. The underlying challenge lies in fostering progress without disturbing the cultural antiquities. We believe that students hold tremendous strength within themselves to bring the two together. Driven by purpose and given the right impetus, young minds can achieve the unthinkable by preserving mindfully and planning integrally.

It is with this belief that QVS invites you to this year's **Aurora – Seed for Thought** on **24th and 25th August, 2024**.

We are thrilled to announce that we are back with the second edition of **Book Discussion** events **Perspectives** (English) and **दृष्टिकोण** (हिंदी). Through this endeavour on the first day of Aurora, we aspire to witness and encourage a convincing expression of literary perspectives through intellectual engagement and cultural exchange.

In the spirit of discussion and respecting dissent, we are excited to state that in association with Behes – a non-profit institution committed to encouraging public speaking and logical dialogue, QVS seeks a two-day involvement in exploring the theme of the year - 'Drip around the World' through **debate**. The theme proposes to unravel the origin and evolution of fashion trends across the globe.

Let us collaborate and let the stimulating feeling of cerebral activity pervade our beings in this celebration of creative and aesthetic sensibilities. We look forward to your enthusiastic response and the pleasure of welcoming your students to our school.

Warm regards
Dr. Namita Sharma
Principal



BOOK DISCUSSION EVENTS

Perspectives and दृष्टिकोण

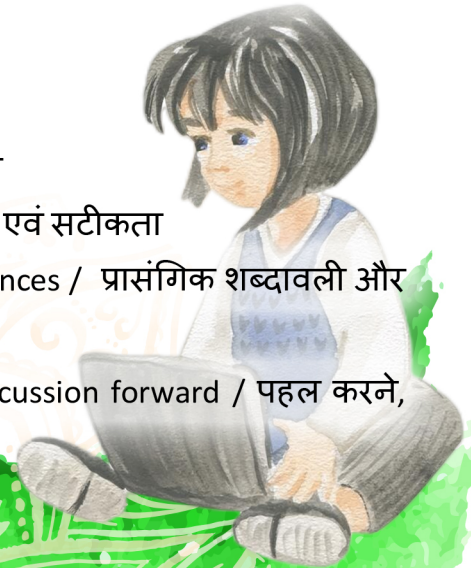
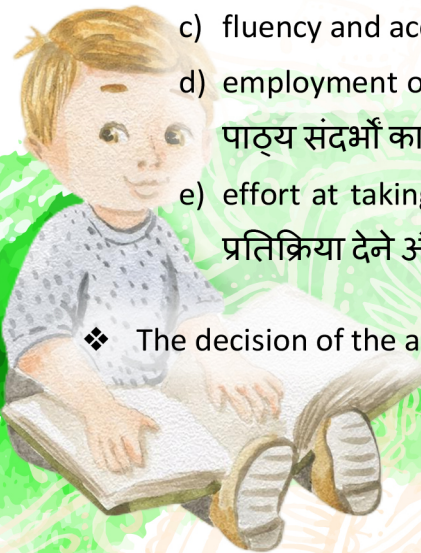


General Instructions:

- ❖ The events will be held on **Saturday, 24th August 2024.**
- ❖ The reporting time is 8:30 a.m. The participating schools are requested to send an accompanying teacher with the students.
- ❖ The participants must be dressed in their school uniform with the logo hidden.
- ❖ **Link for registration:** <https://forms.gle/eoPm7Hp33nvPMds56>
- ❖ **Last date of registration:** Saturday, 17th August 2024

Specific Instructions:

- ❖ This competition is divided into two categories – while **Perspectives** is open to the students in classes IX - XII, **दृष्टिकोण** is meant for students in classes VI - VIII.
- ❖ In the **preliminary round** –
 - a) The participants will be required to present their views on the book. They have a freedom of choice of structure and content points. There is no specific time limit for this expression.
 - b) This will be followed by a discussion on questions pertaining to characters, themes, plot and pertinent issues in the book. The number of such questions will be three.
 - c) Adjudicators will act as active discussion moderators to encourage the participants to express their perspective on the questions displayed for discussion.
 - d) Adjudicators may discuss, cross question, seek clarifications and ask for elaboration to facilitate the decision making process.
- ❖ In the **final round**, discussions will be held with the selected participants on two different questions.
- ❖ The students will be assessed on the following parameters –
 - a) relevance of content / विषयवस्तु की प्रासंगिकता
 - b) cohesion and coherence in thought / विचारों में सम्बद्धता
 - c) fluency and accuracy in expression / प्रवाहपूर्ण अभिव्यक्ति एवं सटीकता
 - d) employment of contextual vocabulary and textual references / प्रासंगिक शब्दावली और पाठ्य संदर्भों का उपयोग
 - e) effort at taking initiative, responding and taking the discussion forward / पहल करने, प्रतिक्रिया देने और चर्चा को आगे बढ़ाने का प्रयास
- ❖ The decision of the adjudicators will be final and binding.



BOOK DISCUSSION

PERSPECTIVES

Event Details:

Day and Date	Saturday, 24 th August 2024
Time of Reporting	8:30 a.m.
Classes	IX - XII
Number of participants	One student
Dress code	School Uniform (with the logo hidden)

Book Details:

Theme Indian immigration experience, identity, and family

Title The Namesake

Author Jhumpa Lahiri

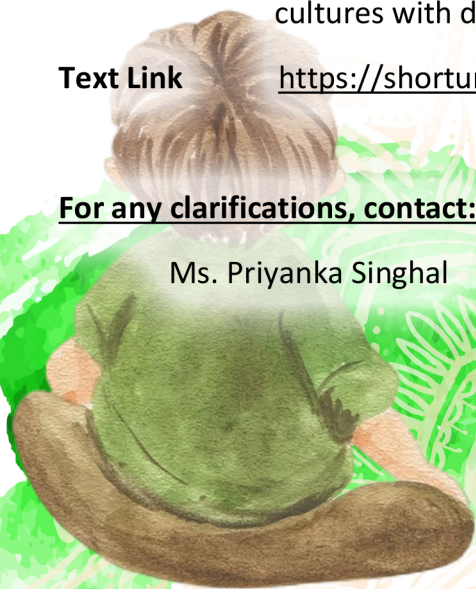
Abstract Lahiri brings her enormous powers of description to her first novel (published in 2003), infusing scene after scene with profound emotional depth. Condensed and controlled, *The Namesake* covers three decades and crosses continents, all the while zooming in at very precise moments on telling detail, sensory richness, and fine nuances of character. The novel moves between events in Kolkata, Boston, and New York City, and examines the nuances involved with being caught between two conflicting cultures with distinct religious, social, and ideological differences.

Text Link <https://shorturl.at/EDDp0>

For any clarifications, contact:

Ms. Priyanka Singhal

9911088129 (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)



**पुस्तक समीक्षा
दृष्टिकोण**

प्रतियोगिता विवरण:

दिन एवं दिनांक	: शनिवार, 24 अगस्त 2024
समय	: प्रातः 8:30 बजे
कक्षा	: छठी - आठवीं
प्रतिभागियों की संख्या	: एक छात्र
गणवेश	: विद्यालय गणवेश (बिना प्रतीक चिह्न के)

पुस्तक विवरण:

विषय	कोशिश और दृढ़ संकल्प
पुस्तक	तेजस्वी मन
लेखक	डॉ. ए. पी. जे. अब्दुल कलाम
सार	डॉ. ए.पी.जे. अब्दुल कलाम द्वारा रचित 'तेजस्वी मन' युवाओं के लिए प्रेरणादायक पुस्तक है, जो समर्थ और सक्षम नेतृत्व की महत्ता पर चिंतन करती है। पुस्तक में भावी पीढ़ी की समृद्धि और क्षमता पर ध्यान देने के साथ- साथ जीवन में शिक्षा के माध्यम से समृद्धि और उद्यमिता की महत्ता पर प्रकाश डाला गया है। प्रस्तुत कृति भारतीय युवाओं की ऊर्जा और प्रेरणा को बढ़ावा देने हेतु प्रोत्साहित करती है।

पुस्तक का लिंक

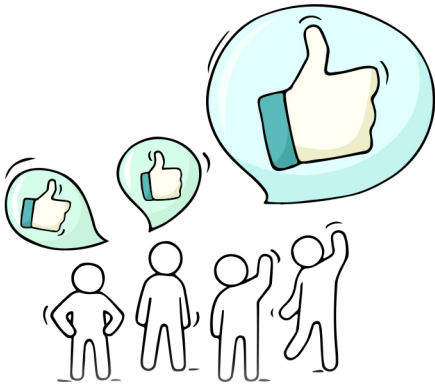
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किसी भी स्पष्टीकरण के लिए संपर्क करें:

श्रीमती श्वेता सिंह

9038667762 (शाम 6:00 बजे से 7:00 बजे)



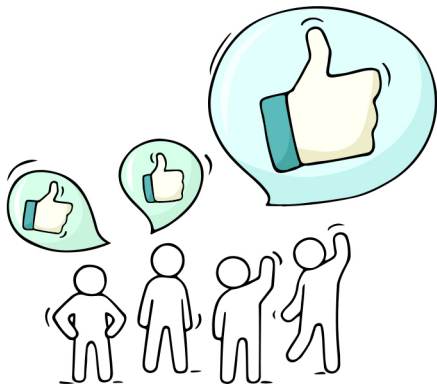


**BEHES
DWARKA ROUND AT QVS**

General Instructions:

- ❖ The event will be held on **Saturday, 24th August 2024** and **Sunday, 25th August 2024**.
- ❖ Confirmation of participation in the event should be intimated to the host school via email. Please send the registration sheet to info@queensvalley.in after registering the participants using the given links.
- ❖ Spot entries are not permitted.
- ❖ The reporting time for both the days is 8:00 a.m. The participating schools are requested to send an accompanying teacher with the students on both days.
- ❖ All participants must be attired in formals or school uniform. It is mandatory to show the school I-Card at the registration desk.
- ❖ The proceedings for the event will conclude at 2:30 p.m. on 24th August 2024 and 3:00 p.m. on 25th August 2024. The participating schools are requested to make their arrangements accordingly.
- ❖ The participating school may enter teams of three members each in two categories - Cubs (aged 10-13 years) and Lions (aged 14-18 years). Please note that these two age groups would be competing separately.
- ❖ 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 Wi-Fi internet facility will be provided by the host school.
- ❖ The decision of the adjudicators will be final and binding.
- ❖ The payment for participation in the event should be directly made to 'Behes'.
- ❖ **Registration links:**
 - CUBS DIVISION <https://shorturl.at/tU1uV>
 - LIONS DIVISION <https://shorturl.at/GjT6t>
- ❖ **Last date of registration:** Tuesday, 20th August 2024





BEHES DWARKA ROUND AT QVS

'Behes' conducts and trains for debate in what is a simplified parliamentary format. Two teams with three speakers each face off against each other in each debate to argue a set motion. Every 'Behes' tournament is held in a knock-out format with one winning team emerging at the end of a series of challenging debates. The motions are formulated from a suggested reading list that is made available to the students before the tournament.

Event Details:

❖ **Schedule**

Day 1:	Saturday, 24 th August 2024	Qualifying rounds
Day 2:	Sunday, 25 th August 2024	Knockout rounds

❖ **Theme** Drip around the World

❖ **Motions** to be based on the reading list available at <http://www.behes.org/>
Please click on 'Resources' for the Cubs and Lions categories.

❖ **Dress Code** Formals or School Uniform

❖ **The debaters will be evaluated on the following parameters –**

a) Matter (Content) b) Manner (Presentation) c) Method (Structure)

For any clarifications, contact:

❖ **QVS Coordinators** Ms. Priyanka Singhal 9911088129 (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Ms. Sakshi Narula 9899696336 (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

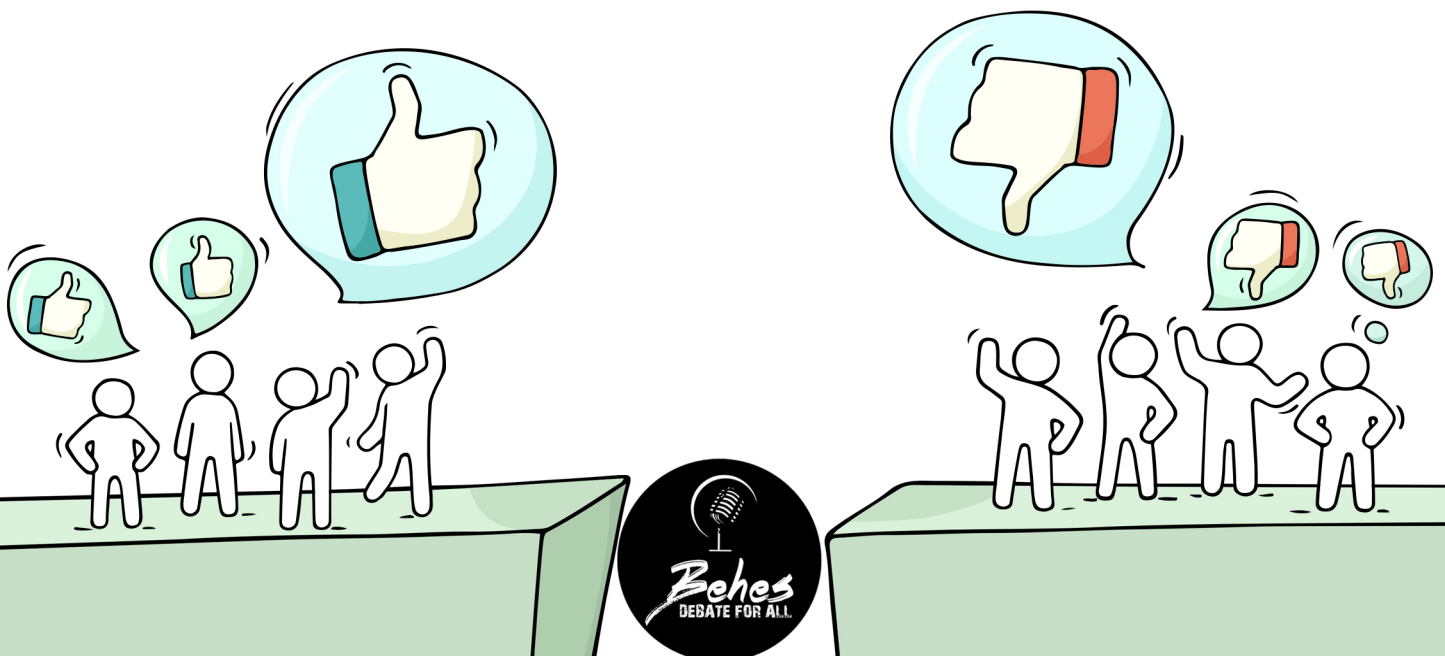
❖ **Behes Coordinator** Mr. Eshan Butalia 7073682915

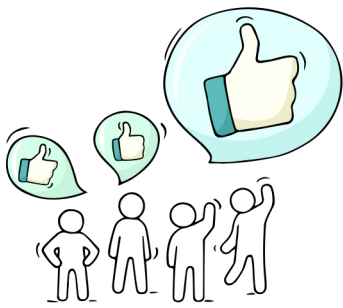


BEHES
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Debate Flow:

- ❖ 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 not allowed to use any kind of electronic device, the internet or reading material in any form for the first 8 minutes of the total preparation time. After 8 minutes, in the remaining 7 minutes, use of the internet is allowed.
- ❖ Any kind of electronic device cannot be used after the preparation time is over. However, the use of hand written notes is permitted while speaking.
- ❖ After 15 minutes, the first speaker from the proposition team (for the motion) will come forward and present their arguments. They 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 will not be considered. However, the speaker can complete their sentence after the tap.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The adjudicator will not give their feedback or announce the winner at the end of the debates on Day 1.
- ❖ Knock out rounds will be held on Day 2. The decision of the adjudicator will be final and binding.





'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.

OUR JOURNEY WITH 'BEHES'



*Debate and divergence of views can only enrich our history and culture.
- Ibrahim Babangida*



GLIMPSES OF PERSPECTIVES and दृष्टिकोण



Books let us into their souls and lay open to us the secrets of our own.
- William Hazlitt

Fashion is the art of the present moment, and its trends often reflect the changing dynamics of the global landscape.

— Caroline Herrera





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