



Queen's Valley School

invites you to be a part of





We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business; we are each other's magnitude and bond.
– **Gwendolyn Brooks**
(revered American poet)

Dear Principal

The world around the student community is evolving at an unprecedented pace; value systems are metamorphosing and expression is being redefined.

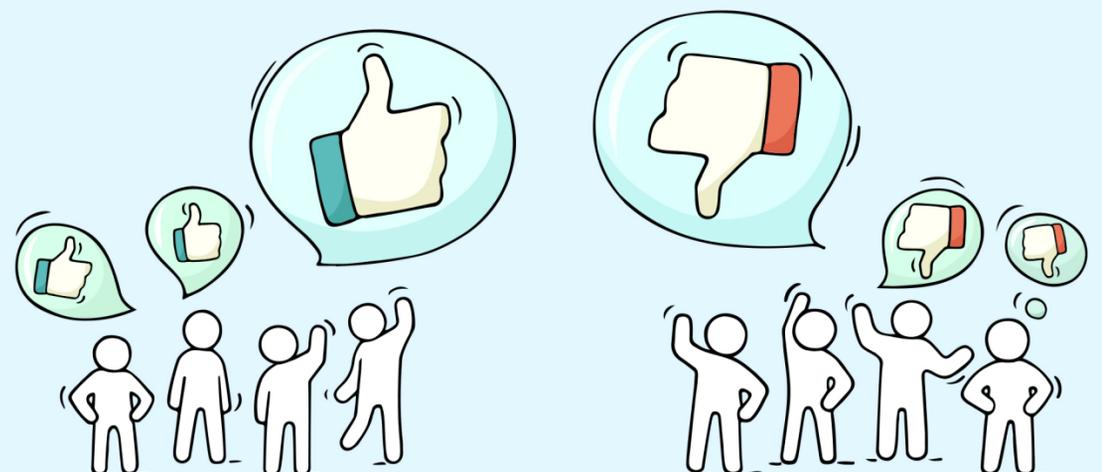
Dedicated to our commitment towards facilitating student engagement in meaningful dialogue and debate on pertinent issues, the Management, Staff and Students of Queen's Valley School cordially invite you to our Inter School Fest *Aurora 2022: Seed for Thought* on Saturday, 15th October 2022 and Monday, 17th October, 2022. The event will be held 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.

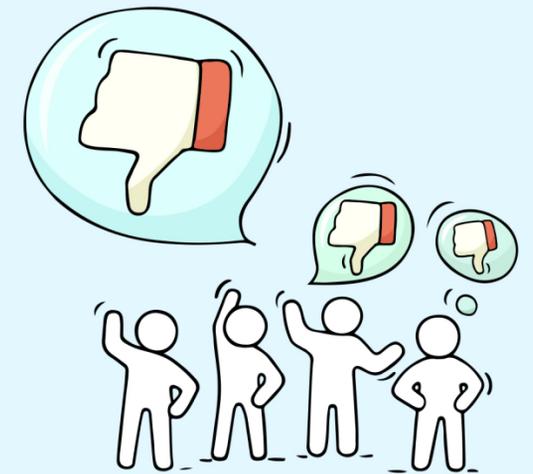
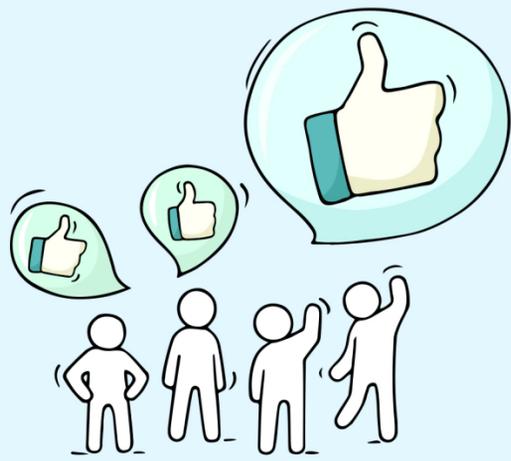
The theme of this academic session 'Birds of a Feather' aims to explore and gather insights into the lives and mindsets of individuals who belong to similar or different spectrums of society and face struggles to survive against all odds.

The two day debating event will conclude with a panel discussion by eminent resource persons from diverse fields of society.

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

Warm regards
Dr. Namita Sharma
Principal



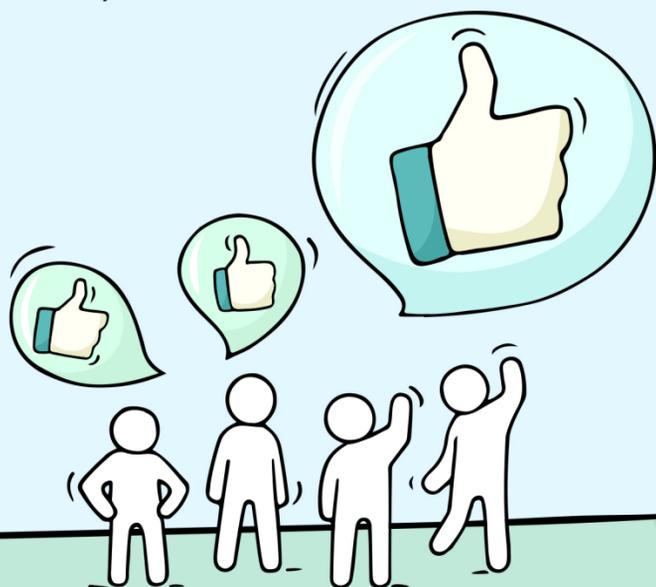


GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Confirmation of participation in the event should be intimated to the host school by 10th October, 2022 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 p.m. on 15th October 2012 and 4:00 p.m. on 17th October 2022. The participating schools are requested to make their arrangements accordingly.
3. 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 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 will be provided by the host school at all venue points.
7. All participants must be 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 is required to accompany the participants and be with them at all times, except during the debates.
10. The payment for participation in the event will be directly made to 'Behes' using the link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycau9w7s>

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. Any kind of electronic device cannot be used after the preparation time is over. However, use of hand written notes is permitted while speaking.
4. After 15 minutes, the first speaker from the proposition team (for the motion) will come forward and present her 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 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.





Event details:

Theme : 'Birds of a Feather'

Motions : Based on the reading list available at <http://www.behes.org/>
Just click on 'Resources'!

Dates :

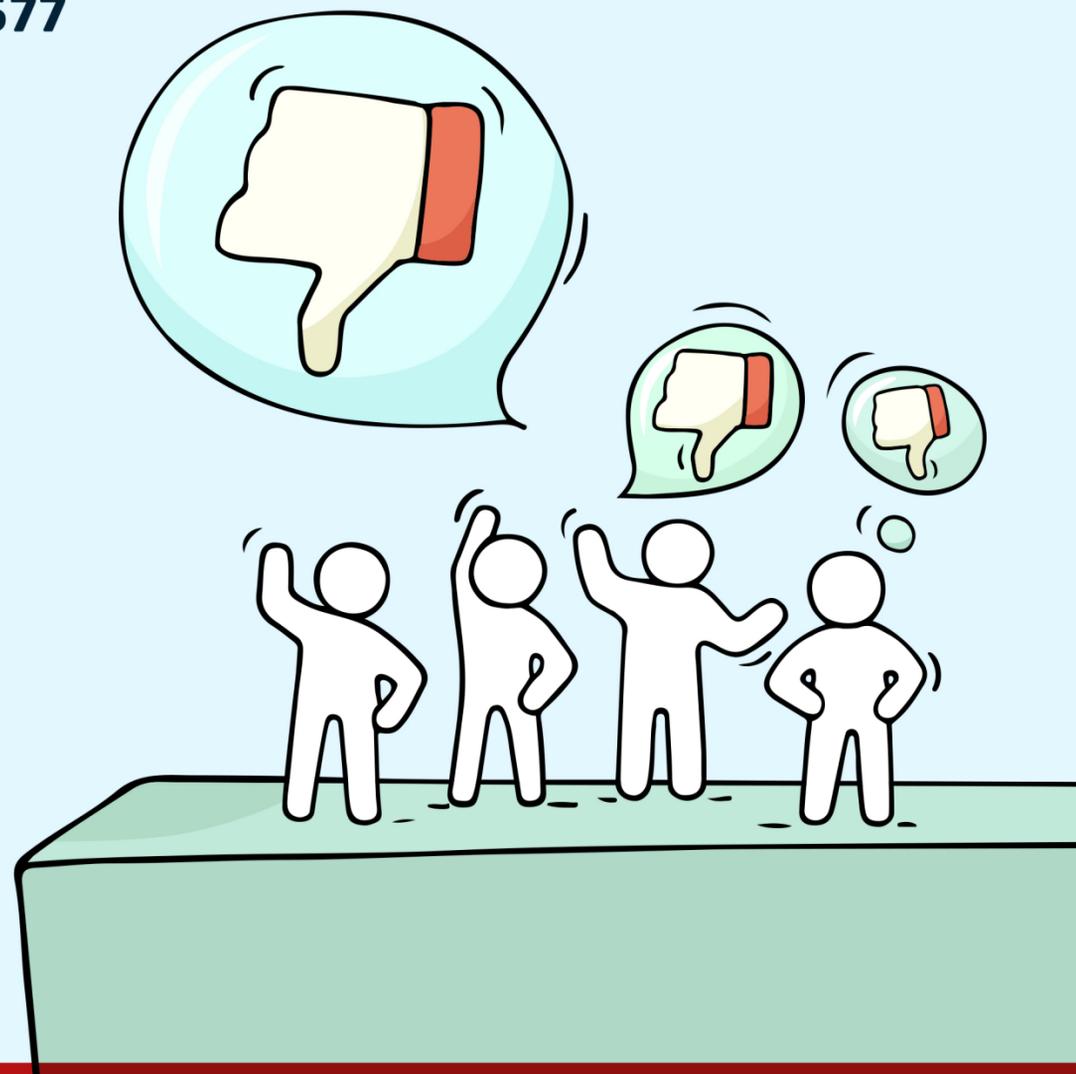
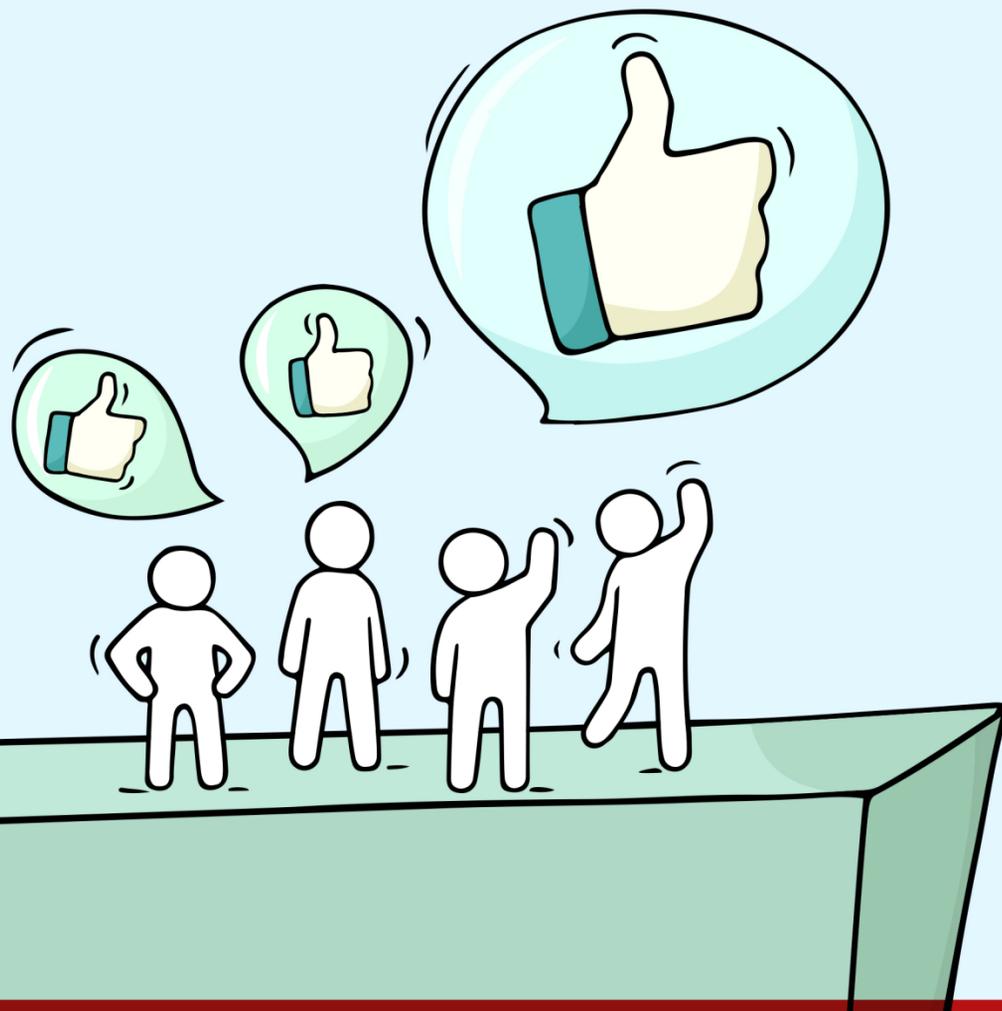
15th October 2022 (Saturday) - Qualifying rounds (Both divisions: Cubs and Lions)

17th October 2022 (Monday) - Knockout rounds (Both divisions: Cubs and Lions)

Dress Code : Formals or School Uniform

For any clarifications, contact:

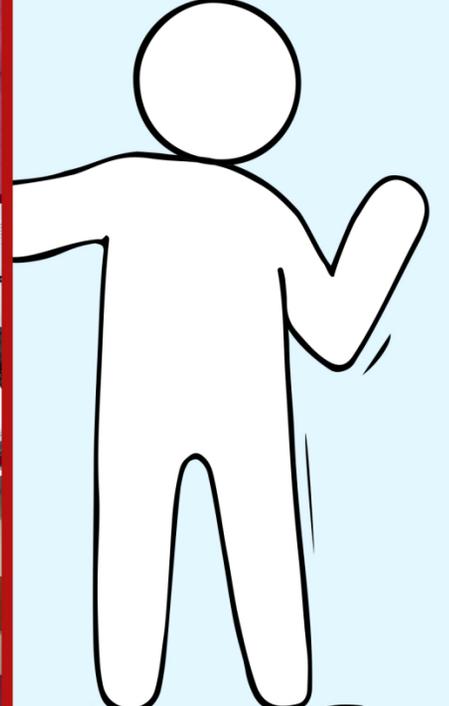
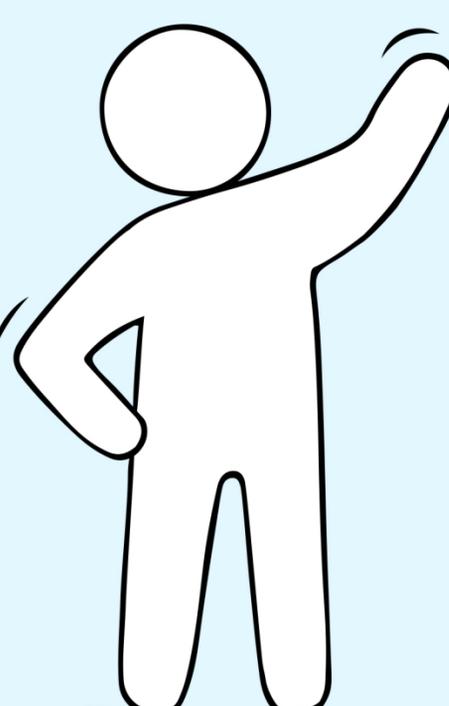
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Behes aims to promote effective communication, public speaking and debate through workshops, tournaments and language labs. The organisation also offers workshops at gracious host schools (usually preceding tournaments) where the trainers demonstrate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





"The individual has always had to struggle to keep from being overwhelmed by the tribe. If you try it, you will be lonely often, and sometimes frightened. But no price is too high to pay for the privilege of owning yourself."

—Friedrich Nietzsche



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