

Virtual Debate Competition – Draft Schedule

3-5 December 2021

This schedule is provisional. We reserve the right to make changes.

Session times will be confirmed once registration has closed, and will be designed to accommodate the time zones of participating schools.

Time	Event	Description
Day One – 3 December		
1 hr	Launch, orientation and welcome.	<p>Zoom Webinar</p> <p>An opening ceremony including a showcase debate featuring world champion debaters on an engaging topic.</p> <p>Debate Mate will explain the rules, format and give an overview of the expectations over the next few days.</p>
1 hr 30 mins	Debate 1	<p>Zoom Meetings</p> <p>Students may receive the motions in advance but will not be allocated a side until the debate. Students will then be given 20 minutes to prepare for the allocated side.</p>
1 hr	Break	
1 hr 30 mins	Debate 2	Zoom Meetings
Day Two – 4 December		
1 hr 30 mins	Debate 3	Zoom Meetings
1 hr 15 mins	Break	
1 hr 30 mins	Debate 4	<p>Zoom Meetings</p> <p>This round will be a closed adjudication round. Students will not be told if they have won or lost the debate, until after the semi-finals are announced.</p>
Day Three – 5 December		
1 hr	Semi-Finals Announced	<p>Zoom Meetings</p> <p>Debate Mate will announce the four teams that will break to the Semi Final.</p> <p>Students who do not make it through will be invited to watch and participate as audience members.</p> <p>Whilst the finalist teams prepare, students will be split into their round 4 debating groups to receive feedback from their judges.</p>
1 hr	Semi-Finals	<p>Zoom Meeting</p> <p>The top four teams will compete in a semi-final.</p>
30 mins	Break	
1 hr 30 mins	Grand Final	<p>Zoom Webinar</p> <p>The two highest-ranking teams will compete in the Grand Final, which will be watched by all the students and any guests.</p>
30 mins	Prizes	<p>Winners are announced.</p> <p>Awards will be presented to best speakers, top 5 teams, and special achievement awards.</p>