

## COBIS Virtual Debate Competition 2021 Terms and Conditions

The COBIS Virtual Debate Competition will take place on 3-5 December 2021. The competition will be delivered in partnership with Debate Mate.

### Registration

- The COBIS Virtual Debate Competition is open to COBIS member schools, including Applicant schools. Each school with a registered COBIS account should participate as an individual school.
- Those who register from non-member schools will be denied access to the competition.
- Schools must register their students for the event via the online form on the COBIS website.
- The following fees apply. To access the group booking rate, teams should be from the same school.
  - One team: £150
  - Two teams: £225
  - Three teams: £275
  - Each additional team (beyond three teams) will cost £90
- The closing date for registration is Friday 12 November 2021.

### Student Teams

- There is no limit on the number of teams each school can enter.
- Teams should include four students in Years 11-13. Younger students are permitted although the competition is recommended for students aged 16+.

### Finance

- Schools must pay the participation fee in a timely manner, in accordance with the timeline specified on the invoice.
- If a school does not pay their fee by the date shown on the invoice, their place will be revoked.
- If a team withdraws after 12 November 2021, the fee will still be payable, and any payments received will be retained.

### Code of Conduct

By participating in the competition, students agree to adhere to the following code of conduct to ensure their own safety and wellbeing, and the safety and wellbeing of others.

- Participants should show courtesy and respect to all staff, students, speakers, and to one another, regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs, or sexual identity. Offensive or inappropriate language is not to be used in any form of communication, whether spoken, written, drawn, or displayed.
- Personal contact details (full name, email, phone, social media, postal address) should not be posted to the chat for any reason. Participants should not ask others to share personal details.
- Participants must not post, upload or file share anything off-topic, offensive, abusive or illegal on the chat function.
- Taking screenshots or screen recordings of sessions is not permitted.
- COBIS and Debate Mate reserve the right to remove participants from the event and bar them from future online events if they do not adhere to these guidelines. More serious offences will be referred to the relevant authorities.

### Cancellation

- COBIS and Debate Mate reserve the right to cancel this event if insufficient bookings are received, or if circumstances do not allow a virtual event to take place.

### Data Sharing and Processing

- In order to administer this event, COBIS and Debate Mate will collect the following information:
  - **Students:** name, age
  - **Teacher:** Head teacher name, booking coordinator name, email and job title, finance contact name and email.
- Information will be collected by COBIS via an online form created in COBIS's website (Finalsite). This data will be shared with Debate Mate for the administration and delivery of the event. COBIS and

Debate Mate will have a data sharing agreement in place to protect the transfer of this information. This information will not be passed by COBIS to any other parties.

- COBIS and Debate Mate will retain data and information in line with their data retention policies. To view the COBIS Privacy Policy, please [click here](#). To view the Debate Mate Privacy Policy, please visit [click here](#).

COBIS reserves the right to publish updated guidance and terms and conditions regarding this competition.