

LETTER OF INVITATION

GEMS Modern Academy is honoured to invite your school to participate in the eighth edition of the Modern World Debates and Quiz, our annual inter-school debate and quiz competition, set to be conducted from the 10th to the 12th of November 2018. Please note that this competition is for Senior students only (Year 10 -13). They must be between 14 and 18 years old.

The debate tournament comprises a series of preliminary rounds followed by the Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals, and Grand Final, all of which shall be conducted in the acclaimed World Schools Debating Championships (WSDC) format consisting of three members in each school's representative team.

Our adjudicators for the Modern World Debates are accomplished debaters who have garnered accolades from reputed international competitions such as the the World Universities Debating Championship and the European Universities Debating Championship. Their valuable expertise and input presents an excellent opportunity for participants to improve as debaters, placing them in great stead for future debates.

We are also pleased to host the Modern World Quiz in which participants have the opportunity to showcase their quizzing prowess in a challenging preliminary written round followed by a concluding oral round. Rather than merely assessing their memory, the uniquely formatted quiz seeks to hone the analytical and deductive skills of participants and challenge them to think critically.

If interested, your school is invited to field one team comprising of three pupils for the Debates and two pupils for the Quiz, accompanied by a teacher escort. While we certainly hope that your school will join us in participating in both the quiz and debate competitions, you are welcome to attend either independently.

We would be happy to provide accommodation, breakfast, lunch and transport to and from school to your accomodation and airport for all students and teacher escorts from overseas for the duration of the competition. You are requested to reach Dubai on 9th evening and you may leave on 12th late evening. Kindly note that the competition will get over by 4.10 pm on the 12th of November .

You are kindly requested to confirm participation by the 15th of September via the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/vTABUgkf4tqHj0Ws1>

We look forward to your involvement in this collective pursuit of intellectual growth.

For any queries, kindly contact Mrs Sumana Chatterjee, Head of Communications and Debating, at sumana.e_mhs@gemsedu.com .