



HHCKLA Buddhist Leung Chik Wai College Inter-school Debating Competition (2023-2024)



1. Overall arrangement:

There will be one free session of training workshop before the competition. Any students who want to gain more skills in debating or enhance personal language proficiency skills are also welcome to apply for the workshop. The details of the workshop and the competition are as follows:



Access to the webpage of registration and competition guidelines

Date and Time	Event	Venue	Duration	Content
23 Feb 2024 (Fri) 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m.	Training Workshop	Our school's English activity room (2/F)	1.5 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To equip students with knowledge and basic skills of debating; ➤ To enhance students' ability of expression and language proficiency; ➤ To practice English debating ➤ Motion released and stance confirmed
23 Mar 2024 (Sat) 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.	Inter-school Debating Competition (semi-final and grand-final)	Our school's hall (1/F)	2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All participating schools will join semi-finals ➤ Awards included: 1 Best Debater from each team ➤ 4 winning schools will join the grand-final ➤ Awards included: Champion, 1st Runner up, 2nd Runner up; 1 Best Debater from each team

2. Rules of the competition

- 2.1 The speaking order will be as follows: Affirmative 1st speaker is the first to speak, followed by the Opposition 1st speaker, then Affirmative 2nd speaker, Opposition 2nd speaker, Affirmative 3rd speaker, Opposition 3rd speaker.
- 2.2 Each speech should last for 3 minutes.
 - At 2 minutes and 30 seconds, a bell will be rung once to indicate that there are 30 seconds left.
 - At 3 minutes, the bell will be rung twice to indicate that time is up. There will be a buffer of 15 seconds for speakers to wrap up their speeches.
 - At 3 minutes and 15 seconds the bell will be rung thrice. At this point the speaker should finish his or her speech immediately.
- 2.3 Speakers should use cue cards when they are onstage delivering their speeches. Full A4 pieces of paper should not be used while speaking, however speakers are permitted to use paper while taking notes at their tables.
- 2.4 Other debaters are not allowed to interrupt the speaker. Speakers can confer with each other in whispers while the other team is speaking, however their discussion should not disrupt the debate. The Chairperson reserves the right to ask the speakers to be quiet. If persistent noise is created, the adjudicator(s) reserves the right to deduct points under the "Manner" criterion.
- 2.5 Speakers are allowed to time themselves with their own watches however these should not beep or emit any other sound during the debate. External stopwatches or mobile phones are not permitted.
- 2.6 Debaters will be judged on both their Manner and their Matter. Manner refers to the debaters' presentation and style, while Matter refers to the contents of the speeches.

3. Eligibility

Each primary school can send only one team for each round. Each participating team must have **at least 3 members** whereas participation of the workshop is not limited to the debaters.

4. Fee

Free of charge

5. Contact person

For enquiries, please contact **Ms Chow Shuk Yin (周淑賢老師)** of the English Department on 2467 6672.

6. Registration

Please visit the following website: https://www.blcwc.edu.hk/links/ps_activity/p2.html or scan the QR code to fill in the google form to register for the workshop and/or the competition on or before **7 February 2024**. You will receive an email confirmation if the application is successfully submitted.