STEM SCHOOL
VIDYA NAGAR - GUNTUR

OCTOBER 13, 2024

Sub: Inter-House Debate Competition 2024

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that our Inter-House Debate Competition will take place on 18th October.

Rules and Guidelines

1. **Competition Format:**
    - The competition will take place among the four houses of the school.
    - Preliminary rounds will be held on 17th October 2024, followed by the finals on 18th October 2024.
2. **Rounds and Topics:**
    - **Prelims:** The four houses will compete, with the top debating teams advancing to the final round.
    - **Prelims Topic:** "IS TECHNOLOGY MAKING US SMARTER OR LAZIER? Yes or no."
    - **Finals Topic:** "IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE GOOD OR BAD."
3. **Prelims Round Format:**
    - **Speaking Time:** Each debater will speak for 2 minutes, followed by a 1-minute rebuttal.
    - **Team Composition:** Each team will consist of 6 students, one from each grade (classes 5 to 10).
    - **Total Speaking Time:** 24 minutes will be allocated for each side to present their arguments.
    - **Rebuttal Time:** An additional 10 minutes will be provided for rebuttals.
4. **Speaking Order:**
    - Teams will follow a set order, with the affirmative side presenting first, followed by the negative.

5. **Conduct Guidelines:**
    - **Respectful Language:** All participants must use respectful language and avoid personal attacks.
    - **No Interruptions:** Speakers should not be interrupted, except during the designated cross-examination phase.
    - **Orderly Transitions:** Teams should transition smoothly between speakers without disrupting the debate flow.
6. **Judging and Scoring:**
    - **Criteria:** Judging will be based on content, delivery, organization, rebuttal quality, and time management.
    - **Scoring:** Each criterion will have a designated score, and judges will provide feedback on performance.
    - **Decision:** The winning team will be determined based on the total score or a majority decision from the judges.

Preparation and teamwork are essential for success. Encourage your child to research and practice their arguments. Following these rules will ensure a well-organized and meaningful debate experience for all participants.

Warm Regards,
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