



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION 2026-'27
STD. IX – XII

Dear Students

Greetings!

Indian School Sohar is pleased to announce that we will be organizing the **Inter-House English Debate Competition - 2026** on **Tuesday, 28th April 2026** for **STD. IX – XII** during school hours.

We would like to extend a cordial invitation to all students from Std. IX to XII to participate in this prestigious event.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation to make this event a successful one.

General Instructions:

1. Students must enroll as a team – one proposing the motion and the other opposing the motion.
2. The motion for the debate will be given only one hour before the competition. Topic will be suggested to the participants on the day of the competition.
3. The order of presentation will be decided by drawing lots.
4. The teams will be seated in Block 'C', Computer Lab to prepare their speeches without the assistance of the teachers.
5. The time limit for each speaker is 3 minutes. A warning bell will be sounded at 2 ½ minutes and a final bell at 3 minutes. Anything spoken after the final bell will not be marked for evaluation. At the end of the speech (4 For and 4 Against), the rebuttal speech will commence in the same order.
6. The rebuttal will be limited to two questions per team. Each team member may ask not more than one question. Members of the same team are not permitted to question each other. Questions should be specific and based on the speech.
7. Display of charts or written documents is not allowed while speaking. **Reading out from a prepared script will not be allowed.**
8. **Controversial statements detrimental to any individual, religion, country and political statements should be avoided.**
9. The use of mobile phones and smart watches is not permitted during the event.
10. The speakers in a team can be from any class. (IX - XII)
11. Interested students must contact their respective house masters and give their names by Tuesday, 14th April 2026 by recess positively.



House Masters:

BLUE- Mr. Sajan John and Ms. Helena Gonsalvez

GREEN- Mr. Kannan Raghavan and Ms. Rajeena Rassak

RED- Mr. Dinesh Sharma and Ms. Kavita Yadav

YELLOW- Mr. C. K. Sunil Kumar and Ms. Rekha P. N.

12. The selection must be done by Tuesday, 21st April, 2026 and selected pair of each house will participate in the Inter-House English Debate Competition, which will be held on Tuesday, 28th April, 2026.
13. The winners will participate (**mandatory**) in the **'MON AVIS - Ambassador's Debate Challenge', which will be held in Muscat.**

Certificates will be awarded in the following categories:

- a) Best Speaker
- b) First Runner-up
- c) Second Runner-up
- d) Best Rebuttal

JUDGING CRITERIA:

SPEECH

Content	20 points
Enunciation	10 points
Persuasion	10 points
Diction and Pronunciation	10 points

The **rebuttal** will be judged based on the content and relevance to the speech.

For further clarification you may contact your respective House Masters or English teachers.

Warm regards,

D. Johari

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