

December 18, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of DANEIS,

We cordially invite you to attend the 2021 Kingswood Oxford Public Speaking Tournament on **Sunday, February 7** on Zoom. Each school may register up to eight speakers. Every speaker must compete in two rounds of two events, meaning that each speaker will compete in two events in a total of four rounds:

- I) After Dinner Speaking **or** Persuasive Speaking
- II) Impromptu Speaking **or** Ethical Dilemmas

Guidelines and ballots for all of the events are attached. If you require further information about any of the events, please do not hesitate to contact us. We ask that each school entering bring at least one adult judge for its first four entrants and one additional judge (who may be either an adult or a senior with public speaking experience) for any additional entrants. Student and adult judges will work together; neither will judge any speakers from their own schools.

Although there will not be separate advanced and novice divisions, we will award distinguished younger speakers competing in their first public speaking tournament. Awards will be given to the top three speakers in each individual category, the top three overall speakers, and the top three schools. In order to be eligible for a school award, a team must consist of at least four speakers.

Please RSVP as soon as possible by completing the form <u>linked here</u>. At that time, please let us know how many speakers you plan to bring, whether they will be entering After Dinner Speaking or Persuasive Speaking; Impromptu Speaking or Ethical Dilemmas, the names of your speakers, and email addresses for all competitors and judges.

Prior to the day of the tournament, you will receive an email with the Zoom details for the rounds as well as the team and judge codes for all participants. By 9:00am EST on the morning of the tournament, please email Heather Wayne at wayne.h@kingswoodoxford.org to confirm your team names or to notify us of any changes. All relevant ballots and other materials will be shared during the Judges' meeting at the start of the tournament.

The deadline for entering is January 29. We look forward to seeing you on February 7!

Sincerely,

Michelle Caswell and Heather Wayne, Forensic Union Coaches



Tournament Schedule

9:00	Confirmation of participants emailed to Heather Wayne (wayne.h@kingswoodoxford.org)
10:45	Judges and Competitors log in to Zoom meeting
11:00-11:30	Meeting for Judges and Competitors
11:30-12:30	After Dinner Speaking and Persuasive Speaking, Round 1
12:45-1:45	Impromptu Speaking and Ethical Dilemmas, Round 1
2:00-3:00	After Dinner Speaking and Persuasive Speaking, Round 2
3:15- 4:15	Impromptu Speaking and Ethical Dilemmas, Round 2
4:30	Awards