# TISB DEBATE 2024 17 - 18th February

## LETTER from the CHIEF ORGANIZER

Dear debaters,

It is my absolute honor to bring to you the first edition of TISB DEBATE. TISB's previous debating endeavours have been incredible and filled with national debaters (and a WSDC Best Speaker). Having continuously contributed to the Indian debating circuit, we now look to contribute in another way. As one of India's top 3 schools in debate - we find it our responsibility to provide a platform for all students to expose themselves to the unscalable realm of debate in February.

Debate has countless benefits. Not only does it test your critical thinking and argumentation skills, it also challenges you beyond just a mental level. Communication skills - vital in this modern world - are embedded in debaters. I've been in situations where only my negotiation, persuasion and communication helped me, and it would be wrong for me to not present an opportunity to all debaters to similarly develop these skills. Debate builds teamwork, leadership and confidence and I hope every debater takes something away from the conference. Remember, awards aren't as important as your own personal growth, and our organizing team will ensure that we can provide you with the best experience possible.

I remember being a scared debater in national selections 3 years ago, wondering how my MUN background can help me. Yet, I soon noticed, that I would have to relearn everything I knew about giving speeches. I remember iron-manning in international tournaments, gasping for every breath at national camp and busting my brains every debate tournament I attend. It is difficult, but the sense of accomplishment you feel when a round is over is impeccable. It is a rabbithole, it is my rabbithole, and I can't remember how long I've waited to present this competition to you. I hope to see you all on February 17-18th, 2024, and don't forget to give your best and make sure to learn something, regardless of the results.

Signing off (for now),

Yash Iyer Chief Organizer TISB DEBATE 2024

#### ABOUT TISB

The International School Bangalore (TISB) was one of the initial international schools in the country, quickly climbing the ranks and establishing itself as one of the top international schools in the world (The Good Schools Guide, UK). As an international school, TISB stimulates intercultural relations providing students with a platform for becoming global citizens. TISB is home to some of the best faculty, whose guidance has been critical for the culmination of academically excellent and well-rounded students. In short, a holistic approach to not only education, but life is what TISB stands for. TISB's ample facilities and teachers' persistent encouragement provide endless opportunities for students to pursue all kinds of interests they wish to pursue.

#### ABOUT TISB DEBATE

The first edition of the TISB Debate is finally here, from 17th to 18th February online, taking the school by storm. The TISB DEBATE Organising Committee is ecstatic to announce the first iteration of presumably many, TISB debates.

An event established to challenge young minds in the field of debate, TISB Debate is a much-awaited and grand conference that can be your stepping stone into the world of debate! This online conference welcomes teams of grades 6-12 and aims to include and imbibe everybody into the world of debate, either help spark an interest or hone previously built skills in students.

#### \$1200 (100,000 INR) IN PRIZES



GENERAL DETAILS

#### Format

WSDC Format:

5 Inrounds

3 Prepared Rounds; 2 Impromptu Rounds
Six-minute speeches
No reply speeches

When?

17-18th February 2024

Where?

Online platform

Who?

Students of grades 6-12

How?

NO REGISTRATION FEE \$1200 IN PRIZES

\*Note that participation must be in teams of 3

(Links)

Registration Link

Please ensure that you have familiarized yourself with the TISB DEBATE Code of Conduct in the registration link.

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We're here to be remembered. We will make sure we are remembered by giving you an unforgettable experience. We hope you are as excited as us! See you on the 17th of February! We look forward to hosting everyone.