



22 February 2021

Dear Principal and Debating Organiser

TEACHERS' AND ADJUDICATORS' GENERAL MEETING FOR 2021

During 2020, we started the year well and successfully concluded the first round for our junior and senior division. After announcing the second-round motion, South Africans went into the strictest lockdown. Schools were closed and extra-curricular activities were suspended. The suspension on extra-curricular activities was lifted on 23 October 2020. It became clear that the 2020 debating year would not continue past its pause in March.

The new academic year has now arrived. Together with a renewed hope and a different set of challenges. My hope is that we will embark on these challenges together and make 2021 a year filled creative and innovative solutions within the debating society.

In order to help us address the challenges that facilitating tournaments may present, you are invited to attend the general meeting for this year's debating season.

When : 03 March 2021

Where : Polokwane City Library Auditorium

Time : 14:30 for 15:00 – 16:30

The purpose of the meeting:

- Create a platform for teachers and adjudicators to discuss the situation at schools and strategies tackle potential challenges for the year ahead,
- Make newcomers familiar with rules and the debating style,
- Work out a working year programme and discuss debating topics,
- Finalise registration for 2021.

Who should attend?

- At least one teacher from participating schools,
- All adjudicators.

The debating society has always been a community effort between schools, teachers and the library to provide learners with opportunities to improve their speaking and listening skills. These skills have become even more important during the current situation where we are required to be physically distant from each other. Your continued involvement is valued and appreciated.

Please confirm attendance by 01 March 2021. Schools may confirm attendance telephonically, via SMS or WhatsApp text message or voice note.

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