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USMAA Debating Workshop: Discover Your Voice

In shaa Allah these school holidays, USMAA will conduct an online debating workshop aimed at introducing debating skills to primary school students. These engaging workshops will help develop their ability to think critically, build cohesive arguments and improve their delivery, listening and response skills.

Details are as follows:

Dates of workshop: Saturday, 19 September 2020 (Introduction)
Saturday, 26 September 2020 (Practise)
Saturday, 3 October 2020 (Live debate)

Time: 10.30 am to 11.30 am

Grades: 3 to 6

Max. participants: 12 students (3 per team, 2 teams per debate)

Medium: Via Zoom

Cost: Free to USMAA Members' children

Facilitators: Ruzna Shums -

Teacher's Diploma in Speech and Drama from Trinity College London (ATCL). Leader of the school debating team both at primary and secondary school.

Rizan Abdeen –

Member of the school debating team at both primary and secondary school.

Why do it - Student benefits

- Delivers demonstrable improvement in critical thinking and oracy skills which are imperative in secondary school
- Augments writing skills through producing balanced arguments
- Refines English comprehension and provides practice in backing up arguments with examples
- Boosts confidence by enhancing their ability to express themselves
- Encourages teamwork
- Sharpens listening skills and their ability to respond to what other people are saying
- Develop their research skills
- Builds self-esteem by showing them that their thoughts and voice matter
- Teaches children to view a subject matter from different perspectives This validates to them that you don't need to think and feel the same, that someone can have a different opinion and you can decide to agree or disagree which is very important to live cohesively in society
- Give students a fighting chance when applying for tertiary education placements, as there is a propensity to get knocked back due to the lack of extracurricular activities

In order to ensure we devote sufficient individual attention to each student, we are compelled to limit the number of participants.

Please register your children by Wednesday, 16 September 2020 by sending an email to info@usmaa.org.au and furnish the following information:

Student name:

Grade:

Debating skill level: None/Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced

The September school holidays will be in lock down mode. So make the most of it and unlock your kids' potential by registering them in this workshop.

Wassalaam

Ruzna Shums
Secretary



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