



## VOX POPULI: THE DEBATING PHENOMENON KANPUR 2018-19



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**THE INFORMATION BOOKLET**

### OVERVIEW

*India is a democracy and Freedom of Speech is an integral part of this system. From daily issues to philosophical issues, we constantly battle in our lives to decide what is right. The two facets of a coin are equally important and only because of the presence of both the facets, we have a proper coin. Debating makes us take a stand between the right and what we think to be right.*

*Debates of varied types are held in a unique form, a form that is of India, by Indians and for the world. Bringing about the objectives of Make in India in the field of education will enhance the intellect of the country and we are here to enhance the intellect of the young minds of the nation.*

*The program aims to reach every Indian debater and every prospective Indian debater. We are committed to a vision, a vision of bringing a change, a vision of making India debate, a vision of giving back to the society, what it has lost.*

### ABOUT US

*“Vision leads to change, change leads to difference, difference leads to progress and progress in my eyes is success.”*

**With such a vision and passion, the foundation of this organisation was laid.**

**The Founder and President of the organisation, Mr. Shreyansh Bhalotia is graduate from Vellore Institute of Technology, who believed and thrived to make a difference in the education sector of the country. He has attended over 100 Debates and MUNs and takes keen interest in training and educating young minds.**

*With a team of over 150 young enthusiasts from across the country, the organisation today seems to be just an inch distant from the realisation of its purpose.*



## KEY JOURNEY OF VOX POPULI: THE DEBATING PHENOMENON

	HOST	FEW OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS	NOTABLE GUESTS
Kanpur	Seth Annadram Jaipuria School	Methodist High, Jaipuria, Billabong, DPS	Capt T P Walia
Jaipur	MGD Girls School	JPHS, RBMHS, MGD, JPIS, MSBSS, Birla Shishu Vihar, NMS, St. Xavier's, MPS, Palace	Dr. Arun Chaturvedi and Rani Vidya Devi
Lucknow	La Martiniere Girls' College	LMGC, LMC, Jaipuria, CMS, DPS, Millenium	Mr. Rakshit Tandon, Dr. Rooprekha Verma
Jammu	Jodhamal Public School	JMPS, Modern, SRN Welkin, DPS Baramullah, Jammu Sanskriti, GD Goenka	Sahodaya Principals
Udaipur	Maharana Mewar Public School	MMPS, CPS, DPS, Rockwoods, St. Anthony's	Ms Neelima Khaitan
Jaipur	Jayshree Periwal High School	JPHS, RBMHS, MGD, JPIS, IIS, Subodh, Frame International	Dr. Archana Sharma, Mr. K.S. Bains
Delhi	Ramjas School	Ramjas, Modern School, GD Goenka, SBS, The Air Force School, Scottish High	Dr. Kiran Bedi
Guwahati	Miles Bronson Residential School	MBRS, RGS, Sainik School, SFS	Mr. Dhurba Das and Mr. Wazbeer Hussain
Chennai	Chettinad Vidyashram	CV, Sankara, PSBB OMR, HUS	Mr. Shreekumar Varma and Hon. Russian Vice Consul
Udaipur	Maharana Mewar Public School	MMPS, CPS, Rockwoods, St. Anthony's	Mr. Deepak Kumar, Mr. Lokesh Jain
Jammu	Jodhamal Public School	JMPS, Jammu Sanskriti, GD Goenka, Banyan International	Ms Babila Rakhwal, Ms Vijay Puri
Bangalore	Bishop Cotton Girls School	BCGS, BCBS, DPS, Samhita, Sophia	Mr. Harish Bijoor
Chennai	Sri Sankara Sr. Sec. School	CV, Sankara, PSBB KK Nagar, Lady Andal, Omega	Mr. M.S. Sai
Ajmer	Maheshwari Public School	MPS, SMC	ADM City
Jaipur	Rukmani Birla Modern High School	RBMHS, MGD, JPIS, IIS, Kapil Gyanpeeth, Birla Shishu Vihar, NMS, St. Xavier's Nevta, MSBSS	Mr. Saumitra Azad and Dr. Archana Sharma



# The Journey Of VOX Populi





# ABOUT THE DEBATES

## Middle School (Grades 6-8)

### ***Basic Debate (The Rising Intelligentsia)***

*We often wish to express our opinions but do not get a forum to. We often have voices but do not have the stage to open up. This two round debate will make delegates open up and present to the world, their voice, their opinion and will let them convince people with their viewpoint. This is a team event and each team should have 2 participants.*

### ***Just a Minute (Mesmerize the Moment)***

*Every minute of life is a challenge. JAM is a challenge that has been designed to make one realize the importance of the minute. Individuals will engage in speaking on a topic impromptu for this two round debate.*

### ***Environmental (The Responsibility)***

*Human being is a social animal. Social work paves way for a better society and environment beautifies the society. With the view of doing our bit, The Responsibility will be a two round debate where students come in teams of two and have a verbal battle for a cause.*

### ***National Debate (Solve India)***

*India will progress only if Indians progress. Take the first step to progress. Lead India and solve the problems of the country. Each team will have two participants and will witness two rounds of verbal battle on an issue of national importance.*

### ***Press (Journalism & Photojournalism)***

*Constructive Journalism has taken a backend today and advertisements have taken over the media. Come, exercise your freedom of expression and report the right proceedings of Vox Populi: The Debating Phenomenon.*



## **High School (Grades 9-12)**

### ***Basic Debate (The Rising Intelligentsia)***

*We often wish to express our opinions but do not get a forum to. We often have voices but do not have the stage to open up. This three round debate, with teams of 3 people, will make you open up and present to the world, your voice, your opinion and will let you convince people. This platform will give you an opportunity to shape people's opinions and influence them. And in the end, it hones and brings out the best of your oratory skills, which is the need of the day.*

### ***Bilingual Turncoat (Opinion Shastra)***

*Dual nature of a person, dual accounting, dual policies, we do that all. We have the pros coming to our minds when we need to speak the cons and vice versa. A turncoat does just the same. We have beautified this idea of turncoat and twisted it to make it a bit more interesting. So, a person will have to speak for the motion in English and has the choice of speaking the against part in Hindi or the regional language. The against part cannot be spoken in English. In the second round, also the final one, the rule becomes vice versa.*

### ***Historic Debate (Ancient Times)***

*Past shapes our views. We are dependent on the past for our future. We often learn from history. Let's recreate history. Let's change the course of history to pave way for a better future. We are giving people a chance to live in that era and discuss the issues related to it. Each team will have two participants and will witness two rounds of recreated history.*

### ***Unconventional Debate (Deliver the Difference)***

*Conventional and traditional debates have been a part of our daily lives. The debates happening other than this one too are conventional. Unconventional debates make you go beyond conventions and have an agenda which involves supernatural thinking. Each team will have two participants and will witness two rounds of verbal battle on an unconventional/hypothetical situation.*

### ***Press (Journalism, Photojournalism & Videojournalism)***

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### ***Youth Parliament (Our Problems, Our Solutions)***

*Knesset, Majlis and Sansad, none of them have the youth as a part of it. One of the reasons is that they haven't understood the importance of youth. In this youth parliament, bring out the importance of youth and make the parliaments of the world realise the importance of the representation of the youth. Make a team of three and come and solve the problems of the Indian youth.*

### ***Declamation (Ideology Matters)***

*Nehru made a speech, Lincoln made a speech, Jinnah made a speech, bring out the leader in you and voice yourself. Who knows, the Martin Luther King or the Narendra Modi inside you might be trying to come out? This declamation, not just declaim but understand yourself and declaim for your own self. Your style, when mixed with that of Dhirubhai Ambani or that of Bill Gates, might become the next ideal declamation speech. Declaim your opinions in this two round event.*

### ***International Issue Debate (Unite for the world)***

*The world today has become globalized but at the same time, the world today is in a state of suffering. May it be Syria, Ukraine, Tibet or Kenya, the world is full of problems. Solve a world problem and we promise to take it up at an international forum. Make a team of 2 and come and solve the problems of the world.*

### ***Financial Symposium (Idea War)***

*If you know how to play with statistics, shape the GDP, bring down inflation or for that matter of fact, reduce the expenses of the world, this is your chance. Bring out the Manmohan Singh and the Kaushik Basu within you. Let the Raghuram Rajan inside you come up and show the world what it has been ignoring and be the one to take the world economy to a new level. Bring in your proposition in teams of 4. Each team should choose a product, make a marketing strategy, have a banker support, political support and bureaucratic clearance. Teams of 4 which will include a CEO, banker, politician and a bureaucrat, will defend the proposition and the best socially motivated idea will be turned into a reality.*



## About the Host Institution:



*Having established itself as one of the best schools of the area, Billabong High International School provides high quality value based education. The focus is on holistic education with focus on overall development of the child in the real sense. With a vision to nurture the talent in each child so as to develop confident communicators in more than one language and as learners who are principled, reflective and self directed, the school upholds the ethos of Debating at the paramount level.*

*In the spirit of delivering the best conferences, we have made it a point to partner with the best institutions of our host cities. Being one of the best schools of the city, the school becomes an ideal host for Vox Populi: The Debating Phenomenon. With a belief of bringing about a well deserved change and a vision of nurturing young minds in their formative years, the school has set a standard by itself. We are proud to have them as our hosts for Vox Populi: The Debating Phenomenon.*

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