

## Foreign Language Debates RULES

The Rectorat de Caen is the organiser of a regional competition of debating in foreign languages. The competitions are held in accordance with the clauses of the present rules.

### **OVERALL PRINCIPLES**

#### **AIMS**

The overall aim is to coach students in the art of speaking within the framework of a two-sided debate in a foreign language. The students will exchange opinions to convince the opposing team and will put forward arguments which have been devised and constructed by the whole team.

#### **SOLIDARITY AND RESPECT**

These debates require solidarity between members of one's own team and courtesy and respect towards the members of the opposing team.

This respect involves allowing an opposing team to expose its arguments without interruption.

#### **TOPIC AREAS**

The motions for debate will be based on themes concerning citizenship, culture and ethics.

#### **SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS**

Each team will be composed of 4 members and of 1 substitute, who will only be called upon to intervene in the event of the absence of one of the team members.

#### **TEAM REGISTRATION**

Each school will designate the students to be its representative team. The Head teacher will transmit to the Rectorat the list of the 5 students of its team.

The list will be valid for all the rounds of the competition.

#### **ORIGIN OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS**

Any student on the school register will be eligible to be included in the school team, with the exception of students whose mother tongue is the language to be used in the debate.

#### **DEBATING PROCEDURE**

The description of the procedure will be given to each team upon its registration in the competition.

#### **ELIMINATORY ROUNDS**

The eliminatory rounds will be held in the schools of the Académie in accordance with the outlines laid down by the Rectorat.