

Dear Coaches and Debaters,

We hope that everyone has had a restful summer and is doing well during these times. As September rolls around and school begins, we wanted to inform everyone that **the McGill Debating Union will be hosting its annual British Parliamentary High School Debate Championships this year in October.**

The McGill British Parliamentary High School Debate Championships is one of Canada's largest high school debate tournaments and is held annually for students of all experiences to debate competitively in BP format. The unprecedented circumstances of this year have presented debaters and coaches with various challenges when trying to access debate opportunities, but we are excited to announce that BPHS will be offered in an **online format** this year. While we understand that this is a big change from how this tournament is usually run, it is a great opportunity for us to remotely offer students the chance to improve their skills and compete. We are also uniquely given the ability this year to reach out to students from across Canada to take part in this tournament, as the online tournament environment allows students from any region of Canada to participate.

The tournament is currently scheduled to take place during the weekend of **October 23rd to 25th, 2020.** It will likely take place over [Discord](#), however we would love to know if coaches or students prefer any other platform for this tournament to take place. Discord has, so far, been a very successful platform for online tournaments worldwide and we will be providing detailed guides on how to use the platform for anyone who may not be familiar.

Registration information for this tournament will be available in mid-September, however please let us know in the meantime if you or your institution would like to attend this tournament. Please feel free to share this information with any schools or debaters you feel may be interested in taking part who we may not have known to contact, and encourage them to reach out to us at mcgilldebating.highschool@gmail.com to indicate their interest in being added to our contact list.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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