



September 6<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Debate Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the **QSDA British Parliamentary Tournament** which we are pleased to host at **Selwyn House School** on:  
**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### **Tournament Information**

This tournament will serve as the Quebec qualifier for the Canadian National British Parliamentary Championship taking place in Toronto, Ontario, on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. There are junior and senior qualifying spaces, however, junior and senior teams will be debating against each other in this tournament, and qualifying order of junior teams will be determined after the tournament. All rules for qualifying teams (such as school caps and debating with your qualifying partner) can be found in the QSDA by-laws.

### **Food and Drinks**

Food and beverage will not be served at this tournament, so all participants should bring their own drinks, snacks, and lunch. Facilities to warm up food will not be available. Additionally, all debaters should bring water bottles as it is a long day, and the school has filling stations.

### **Judging**

All schools are required to send at least one judge for the first four teams that they are sending to the tournament, and will be asked to send more judges should they wish to send more teams. These judges must be available for all rounds of the tournament.

### **Registration**

Each school is invited to send up to six teams. If you wish to send more teams, please indicate this with your registration information, as more places may be available.

The registration deadline for this event is **October 18th**. Because of the complexities of running a BP tournament, the tournament will not run unless there are at least 24 registered teams by that date. The cap for the tournament is 40 teams. There is no registration fee for the tournament. The only requirement is the participants must attend schools in the QSDA, and bring a sufficient number of judges.

In order to register, please **email the following details to [bracewellj@selwyn.ca](mailto:bracewellj@selwyn.ca)**:

Name of School:

Name of Coach:

Number of teams you wish to send:

Teams and names of debaters:

Names of any extra judges you can bring:

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. We look forward to welcoming you on **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**!

### **Tournament format and Schedule**

There will be four impromptu **British Parliamentary** rounds (with 5-minute speaking times), followed by a single, final, open round in the afternoon. The first round will be against random opponents with school protection, and all subsequent rounds will be bracketed according to team score. School protection cannot be guaranteed after the first round. The break will be decided first on team points, then combined speaker scores, lower standard-deviation in speaker scores, and finally a coin flip. Resources for British Parliamentary debating can be found at [qsda.org](http://qsda.org) under "Debating Resources".

**Quebec Student Debating Association  
Provincial BP Tournament  
Selwyn House School  
Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Schedule of Events**

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	<b>Briefing for Judges and Debaters</b>
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Round One</b>
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Round Two</b>
12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<b>Round Three</b>
2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	<b>Round Four</b>
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Break and Final Round</b>
5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	<b>Awards</b>

Sincerely,  
**Jonathan Bracewell, Debate Coach, Selwyn House School**