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CHAIRPERSON'S SCRIPT FOR ESU SCHOOLS' MACE

Hello and welcome to the ESU Schools' Mace 2018-19. Thank you to all the teachers, students and supporters for being here today. My name is (YOUR NAME) and you can refer to me as (SAY HOW YOU WANT TO BE REFERRED TO, FOR EXAMPLE, 'SHE OR THEY', 'I DON'T MIND WHAT PRONOUNS YOU USE FOR ME' ETC).

May I also ask our esteemed judges to introduce their names and preferred pronouns if they have any (JUDGES INTRODUCE THEIR OWN NAMES, AND HOW THEY WANT TO BE REFERRED TO JUST AS ABOVE).

We're going to start with our first debate of the evening/continue with our second debate of the evening/close this heat with the last debate of the evening (*delete as they happen*)

The motion before the house is (*delete as they happen*):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The proposition team in this debate are:

And the opposition in this debate are:

Could the teams please state their names and pronouns for the judges in order of speaking.

(*Let the teams say their first names and pronouns so the judges can write them down*).

Before we begin, I will briefly explain the rules:

- Each of the main speeches are 7 minutes long.
- The first and last minute of each of these speeches is known as 'protected time', which means that no Points of Information may be asked by the opposing bench
- The summary speeches are 4 minutes long and are entirely protected from POIs
- I will mark the opening and closing of protected time with a single bang or clap, once at 1 minute and a second time at 6 minutes.
- I will indicate that a speaker's time is up with a double-bang. If a speaker continues for a further 15 seconds, I will indicate this with a triple-bang, and thereafter continuously until speakers finish.
- Questions from the floor will be chaired by myself and answered by teams in their summary speeches.
- Please note: if you are in any way connected with the speakers in a particular debate - e.g. a teacher, coach, peer, parent or supporter, please refrain from asking any questions to either team in their debate. You are welcome to ask questions from the floor in any of the other debates this morning.



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- Could I also politely ask that phones be switched off for the duration of each debate. If you wish to use your phone, please step outside the room. If you wish to make notes on the speeches for the floor questions, please use pen and paper.

(IF SPEAKERS HAVE NOT GIVEN A PRONOUN PREFERENCE, TRY TO REFER TO THEM WITH GENDER NEUTRAL LANGUAGE AS BELOW. IF THEY HAVE GIVEN A PRONOUN PREFERENCE, FEEL FREE TO USE THAT PRONOUN - FOR EXAMPLE BY REPLACING 'THEY' IN THE SCRIPT WITH 'HE'.)

So, without further ado, please join me in welcoming the first speaker:

_____ to the floor to open the debate.

The chair starts a quick round of applause. The first proposition speaker will now stand up, go to the podium (if applicable), and give their speech.

Thank you for that speech. Now please welcome the first speaker of the opposition:

_____ to open the case for their side.

The chair starts a quick round of applause. The first opposition speaker will now stand up, go to the podium (if applicable), and give their speech.

I'd like to thank the speaker for their speech and welcome the second speaker of the proposition:

_____ to continue the case for their side.

The chair starts a quick round of applause. The second proposition speaker will now stand up, go to the podium (if applicable), and give their speech.

I'd like to thank the speaker for their remarks and welcome the second speaker of the opposition:

_____ to continue the debate for their side.

I'd like to thank the speaker for that speech. We're now going to open the debate up to questions and comments from the floor. Please note that if you are directly affiliated with any speaker in this debate, you are unable to contribute to this particular floor but you may do so for the other debates. Does anyone have a question that they'd like to ask one or both of the teams?

People in the audience should now put their hands up to offer questions. The chair should call on them one by one until either the time has run out (10 minutes are set aside for people to ask questions) or all the questions have been asked. Remember - the questions do not get answered immediately, the answers will be provided in each team's final speech. As the Chair, you are responsible for ensuring the rules are adhered to.

After those interesting questions it's time to turn back to the teams for their final speeches, starting first with the opposition. Please welcome the opposition summary speaker:

_____.

The chair starts a quick round of applause before one of the opposition speakers stands up to give their team's summary speech.

I'd like to thank the speaker for that summary and welcome the last speaker for the proposition:

_____ to sum up for their team and the debate as a whole.

The chair starts a quick round of applause before one of the opposition speakers stands up to give their team's summary speech.

Thank you to all the speakers for a great debate. Let's give them a last round of applause.

