



**present a regional team debating
challenge for all schools**

The War of the Words

**Friday 8th December 2017
Stamford School, Stamford, Lincolnshire**



The War of the Words is specially aimed at Year 12 and 13 students who are studying **French** and who are also interested in **developing their oral skills**

Overview

This is a debating challenge in which your team of 4 students will be up against linguists from all around the region. They will take part in two debates, both in French, one prepared and one unprepared. They will benefit from the opportunity to improve their public speaking and presentation skills in another language – skills which are greatly valued by employers.

Outline of the day

The day will include:

- A debating challenge in French for which there will be a prize for the winners
- A key note speaker who will talk about the importance of languages in a post-Brexit world
- Professional training in public speaking
- An opportunity to talk to international business people



During the day, Business Language Champions will be on hand to advise the students and help with language issues. The atmosphere for this challenge will be fun and relaxed, so that the students enjoy improving their communication skills through the medium of debating.

Who can take part?

You are invited to send a team of **4 French language students** to take part in The War of the Words. As we will be expecting a high level of language content we envisage that it would be best suited to **Year 12 and Year 13**.

This challenge will be open to both independent and state schools on a first come, first served basis. We can take a maximum of 8 teams in total. We will be pleased to accept a second team from the same school if there are still places available after the deadline.



Deadline: Friday 20th October 2017 or when all places are filled.

Applications: Each team should have 4 students from year 12 or 13 (can be mixed). Please submit the names of the students, and confirm their Year Group. Remember to include contact details for your school. Note that we will only reserve places against receipt of names, but you are welcome to advise us of your intention to take part so that we can keep you informed.

Cost: This event is £150 per team and will include lunch and refreshments. Please note that once the invoice has been issued, there will be a £100 charge for cancellation or the full £150 within one week of the challenge unless the place can be filled by another school.

Timing: The day will run from 9.00a.m. (registration) for a 9.20 start and finish at 3.30p.m.

Please send your application electronically to:

Sally Fagan, Business Language Champions

Email: sally@blcevents.co.uk

Checklist for applications:

- Name and year group for each student
- Name and address of your school
- Name and email for the main contact
- Telephone and mobile number for the main contact



On receipt of your application and confirmation of your place you will receive

- A full registration form for dietary requirements etc
- Details for the first debate, which the team should prepare in advance of the day.

If you have any queries about this challenge please ring Sally Fagan on 01949 860167 or 07967 699614 or email sally@blcevents.co.uk

We would like to thank Stamford School for hosting this event!



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