

## **5th QLS Online School Debate Festival**

The annual online school debate festival in English has now been established by the QLS Network of Language Schools as a very important educational event in its member schools nationwide, with the participation of schools abroad.

The 5th QLS Online School Debate Festival took place over the long weekend of 17-19 March 2023 and 32 schools participated, with 66 teams from Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria with over 200 contestants aged 11 to 17 years old, at 3 language levels (B1-B2-C1/C2).

The motions debated in English by the contestants were of great interest and importance, especially these days: "This House believes homework should be banned", " This House believes online education is as good as face-to-face education" "This House believes university education is the key to success".

The speakers were assessed by 9 experienced Cambridge examiners, 3 judges per level.

The contestants expressed themselves with great eloquence and fluency in English, communicated their arguments and reasoning, practised their critical thinking, cultivated their communication skills and collaborated with their team members in this magical yet challenging event!

The schools that excelled will receive honorary cups, their students will receive medals and gifts according to the category they excelled in, while all participants will receive a certificate of participation in the debate festival and other mementos.

Warm congratulations to all the students who participated and sincere thanks to the sponsors of the 5th QLS Online School Debate Festival: **EAQUALS, CAMBRIDGE Assessment, Express Publishing, Burlington Books and Hamilton House.**

The next QLS educational event is the 3rd QLS BOOK CLUB Online Competition on April 2<sup>nd</sup> which commemorates World Children's Book Day.