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BRITISH FESTIVAL DEBATE

Organised by the British Council, QatarDebate, Debate Mate and Georgetown University

Join us for a free public debate showcasing the finest debaters from Qatar and the UK

Motion: This House would give parents access to their children's social media accounts.

The classical boundaries of how much parents should monitor their children's social and private lives are being redrawn. A recent poll found that 94% of teenagers have social media accounts. As such, an increasing proportion of the lives of young people are spent interacting with friends and strangers online. Whilst there are clear benefits of this to the personal, social, and intellectual development of children, there are also dangers. This debate focuses on the issues facing parents and children in the new world of social media, and how to best navigate its challenges.



Refreshments Provided

This event is free

4 debaters from Qatar and 4 debaters from the UK will be put into two teams, going head to head to debate the motion, followed by a panel discussion on the value of debate, including discussion questions such as:

How does debating improve language skills?

What research has been done to show that debating skills are useful outside the debating chamber?

What is the best way to spread debating internationally?

Venue
Date
Time

Georgetown University Auditorium
16th March
6.00 – 8:30 pm

Meet the debaters

Michael Dunn Goekjian



Michael Dunn Goekjian is the current World 2# in competitive debating and is a Global Mentor for Debate Mate. Michael was declared Second Best Speaker in the World at the World Universities Debating Championships (WUDC) 2015 in Malaysia, where he was a member of the top-ranked team.

Scarlett McCabe



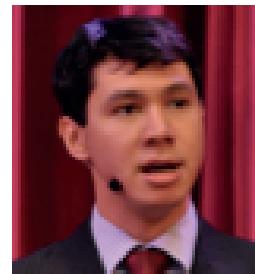
Scarlett McCabe graduated from the LSE with an Honours degree in International History. She represented the LSE at Worlds 2010, and whilst she was there reached the grand final of many prestigious British IVs.

Jane Cahill



Jane is a Senior Programme Director at Debate Mate. Whilst at university she was President of the undergraduate body at The Queen's College and convened two of the UK's largest debating competitions on behalf of the Oxford Union. She currently heads up Debate Mate's expanding Primary Programme, the largest of its kind in the world.

Chris McGeever



Chris studied Law at the University of Cambridge (Trinity College), and the Bar Professional Training Course at the University of Law in London. He is a qualified barrister, having been called to the Bar by Inner Temple in 2013 and one of Debate Mate's leading Global Mentors. He was also part of a Top 5 Team at the English National Championships.

Fahad Alkhater



Fahad is a Senior at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service Qatar majoring in International Politics. Born and raised in Qatar during its incorporation into the modern world-system has led him to pursue topics regarding the intersection between ethics, identity, and global geopolitics.

Ahmed Almeer



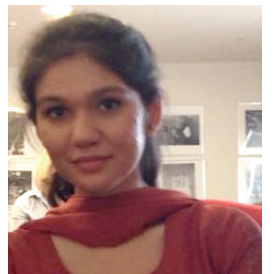
Ahmed is a Qatari third year medical student at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, choosing to pursue medicine because of a long standing interest in the mechanics of the human body and the process of disease. Aside from his academics, Ahmed has been involved in basic science research and has been a part of the debate club at WCMC-Q since joining in 2010.

Ameena Al Haroon



Ameena is a senior student at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar. She participated in two international debate championships: the OIC Inter-varsity Debating Championship in Kuala Lumpur (2010), and in the Worlds Universities Debating Championship in Manila (2011).

Sana Tariq



Sana is a sophomore at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar. Despite being relatively new to the Qatar Debate scene, she's an active member of the debate community in Qatar and has consistently ranked amongst the best debaters in the QUDL (Qatar University Debate League) over the past year.



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