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“2022 Preliminaries of the Lions Club South Public Speaking Secondary Schools’ Competition.”

Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines-September 28th, 2022- Secondary Schools across the country are this week finalizing their presentations for participation in the 2022 preliminaries of the FLOW/Lions Club South Secondary Schools Public Speaking Competition.

The Zonal Preliminaries are scheduled for next week – Tuesday October 4th – Friday October 7th, at Frenches House.

The Public Speaking Competition which began in 1999, is part of the Club’s youth outreach programme and aims to foster healthy public debate among the nation’s youth. It also affords them an opportunity to improve and enhance their oratory skills in a keenly contested environment.

According to Chairman of the Public Speaking Committee, Lion Junior Bacchus, PMJF “This competition has over the years helped to boost the confidence, communication and leadership skills of students”

Students in Zone 1 will meet on Tuesday October 4th to debate the topic - **“THE TIME TO ACCELERATE THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IS EXPIRING. YET, AS A PEOPLE, WE ARE NON-RESPONSIVE.”**

On Wednesday October 5th students in Zone 2 will debate the topic – **“THE INDEPENDENT ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IS FUNDAMENTAL TO ANY FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY. IT IS ALARMING THE EXTENT TO WHICH CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTIONS ARE DWINDLING IN THE REGION.”**

“RUSSIA’S IMPERIAL AMBITION, MANIFESTED IN THE UKRAINE WAR, WITH ALL ITS RAMIFICATIONS, JUSTIFIES THE CLAIM THAT THE KREMLIN IS THE SOURCE OF ALL EVIL.” – is the topic to be debated by students in Zone 3 on Thursday October 6th.

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The Zonal preliminaries will conclude on Friday October 7 when students in Zone 4 will debate the topic – **“MARINE AND AIR TRANSPORTATION ARE CRITICAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR REGION. THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT WE ARE BEHIND THE 8 BALL AS FAR AS OUR DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES ARE CONCERNED.”**

The Zonal preliminaries will begin at 1:00 pm daily and the top six public speakers will be selected to go on to represent their schools in the final of the Competition, slated for Tuesday 25th October at the Methodist Church Hall Kingstown.

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
St. Vincent Girls High School	Campden Park Secondary School	St. Joseph’s Convent, Marriaqua	St. Martin’s Secondary School
Bishops College, Kingstown	St. Vincent Grammar School	Mountain View Adventist Academy	Central Leeward Secondary School
St. Joseph’s Convent, Kingstown	Bequia Community High School	George Stephens Sr. Secondary School	Buccament Secondary School
Dr. J. P Eustace Memorial Secondary	Bequia Seventh Day Adventist	Georgetown Secondary School	Troumaca Ontario Secondary School
St. Clair Deacon Secondary	West St. George Secondary School	Sandy Bay Secondary School	Thomas Saunders Secondary School
Union Island Secondary School	Intermediate High School	Adelphi Secondary School	Petit Bordel Secondary School
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