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Notice to Parents : 17 / 2017

Through Principal

*date 13/2/17*

Dear Parents/ Guardian,

## Wits & Words: Inter-school Debate Championship 2017

The school would like to inform you that your child/ward has been selected to represent the school in the above-stated competition. The Inter-school Debate Championship is jointly organised by the Ministry of Education, Debate Association (Singapore) and Methodist Girls' School (Secondary). This competition is open to Primary 5 and Primary 6 pupils.

The aims of this enrichment programme are to:

- provide verbally talented pupils with a foundation in debate so that those interested in debating can further hone their skills and take part in competitions at the national level;
- develop research and critical thinking skills through the rigour of a formal debate;
- develop confidence in oral communication.

The schedule of events for Wits and Words 2017 is as follows:

Date	Activity	Venue
4 March (Saturday)	Preliminary Round 1	Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
13 March (Monday)	Preliminary Round 2	Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
25 March (Saturday)	Preliminary Round 3	Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
8 April (Saturday)	Quarter-Finals*	TBC
21 April (Friday)	Semi-Finals*	TBC
24 May (Wednesday)	3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> Placing*	Bt Merah Library, Radin Mas Hall
29 May (Monday)	Grand Finals*	MOE HQ Auditorium

\*Subject to the team qualifying to the next round.

Kindly take note of the dates for now, you will be notified of the details of the reporting time and transport arrangements provided by the school nearer to the actual date of the programme. We look forward to your continued cooperation and understanding as we provide more platforms and opportunities to enrich your child's/ward's education with us.

Yours faithfully,

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