

The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School

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Dear Advisors,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the twelfth annual Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School Model United Nations (HABSMUN) conference, to be held from

Saturday 13th March - Sunday 14th March 2021 (Sunday optional)

While we have had to adapt to the conditions of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are sure that this year's HABSMUN will still be an incredibly memorable event in so many ways. And for the first time, we will be holding the conference entirely virtually.

Committees

This year we will have 8 committees, debating a wide range of topics. If you have delegates new to MUN, HABSMUN will be operating the **Health** committee, which is recommended for first-time delegates. The **Security Council** and the **Special Commission** will be run for more experienced delegates. The Special Commission will debate with ruthless vigour and precision the clauses submitted by the delegates, with the focus throughout the weekend on one large world issue. Please note that the average size of a delegation is 6 delegates.

General Assembly

General Assembly will be running on the Sunday of the conference and will be **optional** so that delegates who want to can have the opportunity to debate issues on a much larger platform than committees.

Timings

Saturday 13th March: 9am - 5pm Sunday 14th March: 9am - 12pm (optional)

Key Details

- There will be no fee to attend the conference
- HabsMUN is for students in years 9-13 (UK year 9 is turning 14 by August 2021)
- Initially, teachers must apply on behalf of their schools. However, we hope to allow individual registrations at a later date.
- We will be using the video conferencing software Zoom for debate, and it is recommended that delegates read the online debate guide and familiarise themselves with the procedure before the conference.
- We have a strict code of conduct for online debate and do not recommend student communication through means beyond the school-hosted sessions.

- Can advisors please register **as soon as possible**, and indicate the approx. number of students they might bring (see registration details below). There is no commitment, but this would help our planning.
- A final list of student names needs to be entered onto MyHABSMUN by 24th of February.

Registration

All information relating to the conference can be found on our website, <u>www.habsmun.com</u>, including guides to MUN procedure and resolution-writing.

Using our website click on REGISTER and you can:

- register your school;
- tell us how many delegations you would like to bring, including preferences for places in Health, the Security Council and Special Commission;

Note: You will need to create a new account for HABSMUN 2021 even if you created one for previous HABSMUNs. Sorry!

Please contact us on habsmun@habsboys.org.uk with any concerns.

We look forward to welcoming you virtually on March 13th to HabsMUN 2021!!

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