

Members of the Literific,

The schools competition has provided us with some of the best and skilled debaters in our society from across the north – past and present. It allows us as a society to make connections with students who may eventually find themselves at Queens as members of the society or at other universities sparking potential for collaboration. Investing time, energy and money into the schools competition is an investment in the future of the society. Importantly also gives us the opportunity to students to engage with their peers in a fun and educational manner growing their love for debate.

As schools convenor I would continue to invite schools to Queens for the competition in the spring. However, I plan on expanding this competition to more schools across the island. I would

- Set up debate workshops with volunteers from the society teaching BP and chamber cultivating these skills early
- Provide support and resources to help schools set up debating societies of their own
- A pilot scheme to incorporate schools from the south as Queens is now a cross-border university

The schools competition is vital for the future of the society and with collaboration and support from you the members of the Literific I will ensure as schools convenor that it will grow from strength to strength and ensure this society will endure for another 176 years in capable hands.

Sincerely

