

### **Akad. Mihail Arnaudov 119th School to Host 2019 Speech and Debate Tournament**

On the 16th and 17th of November 2019, Akad. Mihail Arnaudov 119th School in Sofia will host BEST's first regional tournament of the 2019-2020 academic year. Students will compete in five events: World Schools Style debate, poetry and prose performance, duo interpretation, and original oratory.

The Sofia tournament will be BEST's 35th tournament, hosting competitors from 20 unique schools across the Western region of Bulgaria. The tournament is open to English-language speech and debate teams large and small, with both young teams and experienced teams competing. BEST expects to host approximately 500 people in Sofia, including international and Bulgarian judges, dedicated student volunteers, and over 300 student competitors.

The tournament will be the first of two Fall regional tournaments. BEST will host a corresponding Fall tournament in the Eastern region on November 30th to December 1st, followed by a Spring semester full of events. This includes two more regional tournaments, an international original oratory competition, and a grand finale national tournament.

### **About The BEST Foundation**

BEST stands for Bulgarian English Speech and Debate Tournaments. Established in 2013, BEST provides the English-language learners of Bulgaria an opportunity to come together and pursue personal growth through English language speech and debate. BEST aims to empower students to think critically, express themselves creatively, and create a dynamic community that truly cares about the success and the future of Bulgaria. BEST is proud to provide a platform for English-language speech and debate for students across the country.