English Contest 2023 - BHS

DATE: Wednesday, 1st March 2023 08:30 – approx. 13:00
PLACE: WIFI Dornbirn, Bahnhofstraße 24, Hörsaal WIFI Campus

Contestants

Each BHS may nominate two candidates as well as a substitute.

Requirements

Candidates are expected to be able to react to visual stimuli and to express their own opinion interactively in a discussion as well as to give a short presentation.

Topics will relate to the candidates' personal environment, culture and society in general, politics, economy and ecology, the importance of technology, tourism and travel, the world of work and global current issues.

Course of events

08:30 Introduction

08:40: Round 1

2 – 3 minutes per candidate

- Self-presentation of the candidate
- Reaction to given stimuli (pictures, cartoons, graphs, etc.)
- Answer a question by the moderator
- No preparation time

9 (12) candidates get on to the next round (depending on the total number of participants)

Approx. 09:45: Round 2

Group discussions in 3 groups – 15 minutes each

Introduction of topic by the moderator

- Giving one's opinion, reacting and interacting, respecting discussion rules
- Above topics
- No preparation time

Approx.10:45: Break

Approx.11:15: Round 3

5 candidates
Individual speech - 4 minutes each

- Above topics → creative ideas desirable
- Convincing and persuasive arguments required
- Preparation time: 15 minutes

Winner and ranks nominated by jury!

Members of the jury

To be announced

Moderator

- Bronwyn Konrad

Award ceremony

Friday, 3rd March 2023 15:00 – WIFI, Saal der Wirtschaft

Assessment criteria

Language: intonation, pronunciation, fluency, accuracy, range of vocabulary
Content: coherence, relevance, accuracy
Interaction: politeness, self-confidence, body language

Contact and organisation:
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BHAK Bregenz
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Examples

The pictures show the powerpoint slides that were used in 2016,2017,2018, 2019 one after the other. If you'd like to have the actual powerpoint files to practice with, write an email to barbara.sonner@hak-bregenz.at

Contest 2016:

Candidate 2

Candidate 3

Candidate 4

Candidate 5

Candidate 6

Candidate 7

Candidate 8

Candidate 9

Candidate 10

Candidate 11

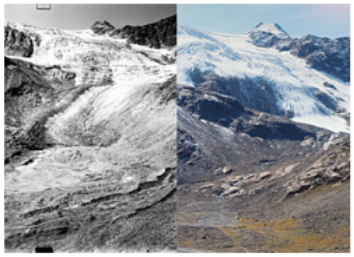
Candidate 12

Candidate 13

Candidate 14

Candidate15

Candidate 16



Second Round

09:50 Discussion group 1→ 4 candidates
10:10 Discussion group 2→ 4 candidates
10:30 Discussion group 3→ 4 candidates

The Globalised World

You're taking part in a panel discussion about GLOBALISATION and you're asked to share your point of view on the following.

- Outsourcing
- Free Trade and Free Trade Agreements like TTIP
- Global players (multinational companies)
- Global institutions like the World Trade Organisation (WTO), International Monetary Fund (IMF) or UN (United Nations), etc.
- Developed and developing nations
- Regional living conditions and economic growth
- Possible solutions for existing problems

Third Round

Presentations of 5 finalists

11:05 Preparation - candidate 1
11:10 Preparation - candidate 2
11:15 Preparation - candidate 3
11:20 Preparation - candidate 4
11:25 Preparation - candidate 5

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11:25 Presentation - candidate 2
11:30 Presentation - candidate 3
11:35 Presentation - candidate 4
11:40 Presentation - candidate 5

Third Round

Applying for a loan to start a business

- Give brief information about your personal and professional background.
- Describe the product/service you want to sell/offer and why you think it would be a successful enterprise.
- Mention your professional training + acquired skills that would qualify you for that type of business.
- Convince the board that you are a perfect fit for the loan by telling them which specific plans you have already made for your business to work.

12:00 Announcement of winners

END

→ Award ceremony
Friday, 5 March, 15:00
WIFI Dornbirn, Saal der Wirtschaft

Contest 2017

Contest 2017

BHS-Englischwettbewerb 2017

Timetable

08:30 Introduction
08:40 First Round
09:30 Break
09:40 Second Round
10:40 Break
11:15 Third Round
12:00 Announcement of Winners

Moderator

Bronwyn Konrad

Members of the Jury

Bronwen Rolls
Emma Genoy
Jing Lu

Criteria

- Language
  Pronunciation, intonation
  Vocab, register, structure, coherence
- Content
  Relevance
- Social competence/personality
  Initiative, interaction, identification

First Round

Candidates
- present themselves
- answer questions
- describe pictures

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Candidate 3

Candidate 4

Candidate 5

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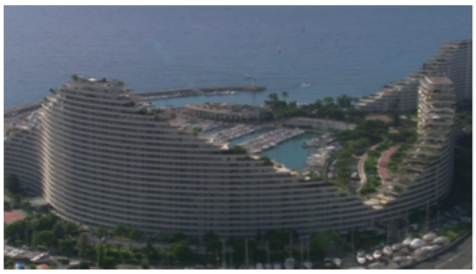
Candidate 10

Candidate 11



Candidate 12

Candidate 13

Second Round

09:50 Discussion group 1→ 3 candidates
10:10 Discussion group 2→ 3 candidates
10:30 Discussion group 3→ 3 candidates

Vorarlberg – Business Opportunities

At an international trade fair, you are invited to talk about business opportunities in Vorarlberg. With two other speakers you discuss your home state's advantages. Try to include thoughts on...

- Different business sectors: tourism, technology, food, packaging, manufacturing, textile, etc.
- Vorarlberg as a market
- Vorarlberg as location for business headquarters or subsidiaries
- Quality of life in Vorarlberg
- Geographical position

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Third Round

For your new company (sector of your choice), you have to come up with an idea for an advertisement of a new product/service (your choice)

- Give brief information on the product/service
- Mention which medium would be your first choice for advertising
- Describe the specific details of your advert (text, picture, plot of the TV spot, etc)
- What would make your advert unmistakeable? (slogan, jingle, logo, etc)

12:00 Announcement of winners

END

→ Award ceremony
Friday, 10 March, 15:00
WIFI Dornbirn, Saal der Wirtschaft

Contest 2018

Contest 2018

BHS-Englischwettbewerb 2018

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Megan Hopgood
Elin Limburg

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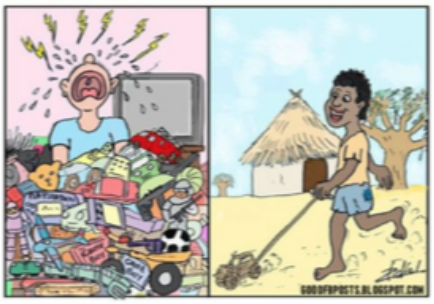

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- Present yourself and explain why you would be the best for the job.
- Describe Vorarlberg and what you would like to show the participants of your tour (landmarks, cities and villages, gastronomy, museums, etc.).
- Be prepared to answer questions of the interviewer.

BHS E-Content 2016

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- either keep them going or
- keep them happy with a different activity.

Contest 2019

BHS-Englischwettbewerb 2019

Moderator
Bronwyn Konrad

Members of the Jury
Ona Obiorah
Olivia Shy
Trevor Kelly

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BMS E-Content 2019

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