



HOW TO: HOST A BRAIN WEEK QUIZ

In 2016 Firkbank Grammar School and Brighton Grammar School challenged each other to a quiz as a fun, interactive and memorable Brain Week activity, that was also a great social activity between the two schools' senior levels. If you can't challenge another school, why not compete in house teams or form your own teams like boys vs. girls or juniors vs. seniors. A Brain Week quiz is a great way to give your brain a workout and raise much needed funds for paediatric brain cancer. Here are the two schools' tips for running a successful quiz.

PLANNING:

- Choose a date and time, allowing roughly an hour.
- Select a venue
- Create two teams (schools decide how they make teams, e.g. raffle spots off).
- Tip: make sure you have approval from senior staff for the quiz to go ahead – you don't want any last-minute roadblocks!

ORGANISING:

- Depending on the size of your school and capacity of your venue, decide which year levels can attend. Students make a gold coin donation at the door to attend.
- Create a private Facebook event and add all the students so you can post information about the event, making it easy to spread the message quickly.
- Additionally, to help make this an annual event, Brighton Grammar and Firkbank organised a large trophy, which will be engraved each year with the winning school, which holds the trophy until the next year.

SELECTING TEAMS:

- Each school had a team of four students, with two students from Year 11 and two from Year 12.
- Brighton Grammar sold raffle tickets for two weeks before the Quiz, raising an extra \$500 solely from this method. As a further incentive, whoever raised the most money won a spot on the BGS team. The raffle was drawn at the event, just before the official start.
- Firkbank posted a sign-up sheet for those wanting to participate – two students from Year 11 and Year 12 were then randomly selected to represent their school.

QUESTIONS:

- There were three rounds, broken up into brain stuff, general knowledge, and how well do you know your brother/sister school.
- The scoring of points can be decided by each school: BGS & Firkbank had 1 point for a correct answer and no points for an incorrect answer.
- There was no time limit to questions – but use common sense to ensure that the quiz does not drag.
- **Tip:** Have some tiebreaker questions if the scores are level after all previous rounds



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QUIZ:

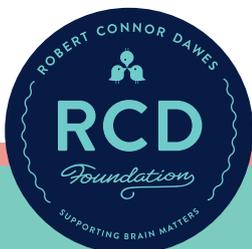
- Each team sits on opposite sides of the stage facing the audience, with the scorers' table sitting between the two teams, and the MCs standing at the lectern.
- Schools will need to find a buzzer to use for when each team answers the questions, as well as microphones so that questions and answers can be heard clearly throughout the venue.
- When each question was given by the MCs (the Captains of each school acted in this role for the event), the question was also displayed on the projector screen so that the audience and teams could clearly read it.

FUNDRAISING:

- The two methods of fundraising used were through a gold coin donation at the door, and BGS selling raffle tickets to secure a spot on the team.
- A quiz can be held on its own, or in conjunction with other methods of fundraising – for example, a BBQ, cake sale, merchandise sales etc.



The 2016 Brain Week Quiz Champions – Brighton Grammar School



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