



Concern Debates 2021 / 22

School Debates Platform Training

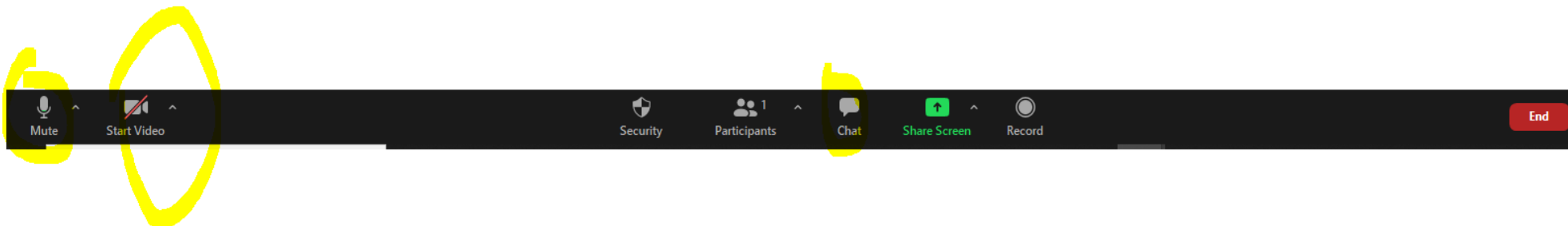
In today's session:

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2. Staff
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4. Registration
5. Uploading a debate
5. Q&A

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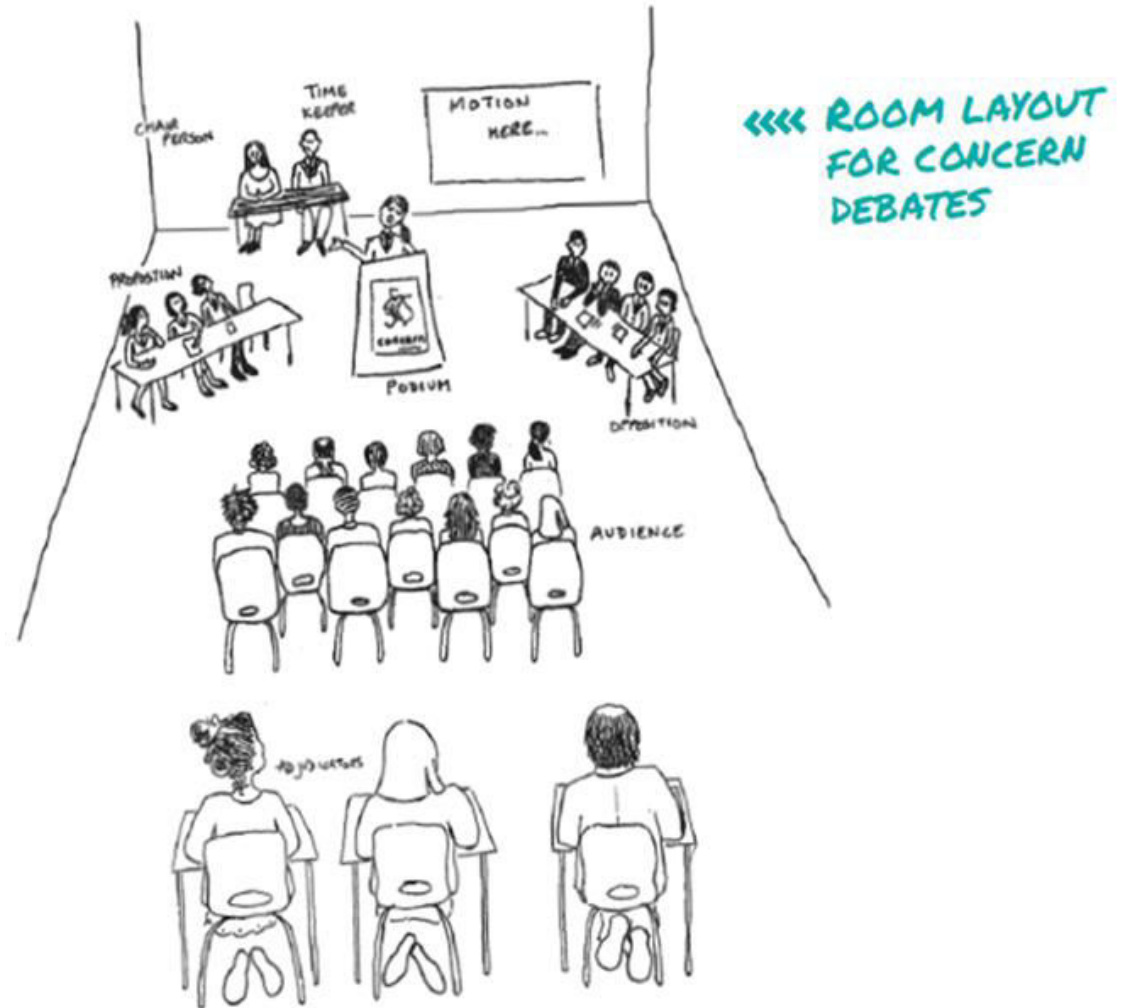
Zoom housekeeping

- Please keep on mute for the session
- Please use the chat function for questions while we go through the information
- Don't worry, there will be time for questions at the end!



The Concern Debates: The Basics

- The Concern Debates programme is now in its 38th year
- Over 25,000 students have taken part
- Over 20,000 debates organised
- Each year the Concern Debates Team organises over 560 unique debates
- 1300 volunteer adjudicator placements to mark debates
- We have 100 + post primary schools taking part each year
- In 2021-22 we will be keeping the league phase of the programme online
- Each school will debate **three times** in the league phase



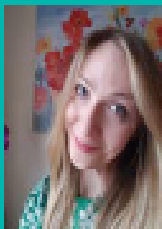
Introduction: Meet the team

Olga Brodescu

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Olga organises debates in Dublin, Kildare and Meath. Born in Republic of Moldova, Olga studied the piano in music school and went on to university to study Applied Foreign Languages. From a very young age Olga was keen to understand the way car engines work and would usually spend days on end in her father's repair shop dismantling engines and trying to put them back together. Olga has always been passionate about development issues and for this reason has worked with a number of NGOs over the years

Interesting fact: She dreams of one day opening her own animal shelter/coffee shop.



Leanne O'Neill

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Leanne organises debates in the south. She graduated from University College Cork with a BSc Government degree. She studied economics, law, politics and international relations. She has worked in the not for profit sector working with schools for the last number of years. In her spare time she plays and coaches Ultimate Frisbee.



Emma Hassard

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Emma looks after schools in Northern Ireland. She has a MA (Hons) in English and Italian from St Andrews University, Fife. Emma worked for the NI Council for Integrated Education and is currently a parent governor at her local integrated primary school. Emma then took up a role with the Comber Foundation - an Irish NGO who work in orphanages in Romania, before joining Concern six years ago.

Interesting fact: Emma is a fluent Italian speaker and lived in Venice for just under a year.

Welcome to the Concern Debates programme 2021-22!

This year the League Phase debates will be held virtually.

However, in a change to last year, we are asking teachers to host debates live over Zoom and upload the videos to our new easy-to-use debates platform for adjudicators to view and mark.

How it works

When you are the Proposition school instead of organising the physical debate, you contact the Opposition school to confirm a suitable date and time. You then record the Zoom debate and upload it onto the Concern Debates Platform.

Confirm date &
time with
opposing school



Record live over
Zoom



Upload to
Debates
Platform

Changes this year...

- **League Phase comprised of three rounds**
- **Debates will be live, recorded via Zoom**
- **New platform for uploading videos**

Structure

CUP competition, the top 16 placed schools on the League Table



SHIELD competition, schools placed 17-20 on the League Table



Zoom instructions

How to record a zoom call

: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZHSAMd89JE>

Zoom help

center : <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360034967471-Getting-started-guide-for-new-users>



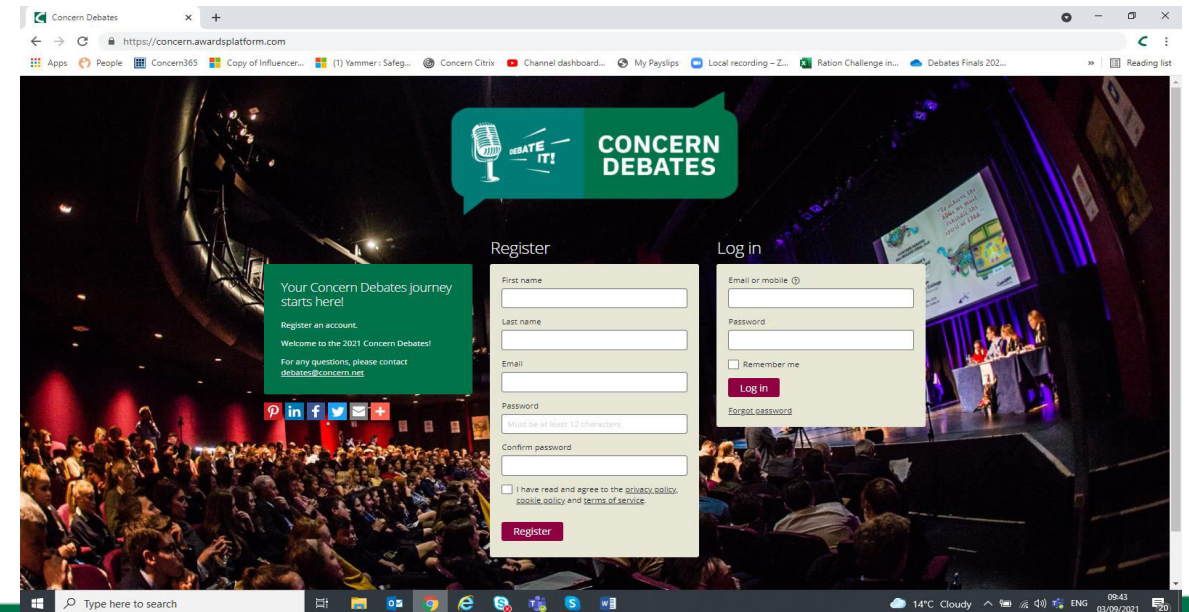
A guide to zoom debates

- 1 Proposition school arrange the time and date with the opposition school.
- 2 Proposition school set up the zoom call and send secure invite to opposition school at least 24 hours in advance.
- 3 The host school will need to make the other school a co-host. Both schools will need to record the debate.
- 4 Debate takes place live on zoom.
- 5 Proposition school upload the recording to the new debates platform.



New Debates Platform for Online Debate Submissions

Concern Debates have developed an exciting online Debates Platform to allow schools to upload debates quickly and easily and allow adjudicators to view the debates securely.



The screenshot displays the 'Concern Debates' website interface. The background is a large image of a debate stage with an audience. In the top right, there is a logo with a microphone icon and the text 'DEBATE IT!' and 'CONCERN DEBATES'. On the left, a green box contains the text: 'Your Concern Debates journey starts here! Register an account. Welcome to the 2021 Concern Debates! For any questions, please contact debates@concern.net'. Below this are social media icons for YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. On the right, there are two white registration and login forms. The 'Register' form includes fields for 'First name', 'Last name', 'Email', 'Password' (with a note 'Must be at least 12 characters'), and 'Confirm password'. It also has a checkbox for 'I have read and agree to the privacy policy, cookie policy and terms of service' and a 'Register' button. The 'Log in' form includes fields for 'Email or mobile' and 'Password', a 'Remember me' checkbox, a 'Log in' button, and a 'Forgot password' link. The browser's address bar shows 'https://concern.awardsplatform.com'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 03/09/2021 and the time as 09:43.




Log in

For any questions, please contact
debates@concern.net



☐ I have read and agree to the [privacy policy](#), [cookie policy](#) and [terms of service](#).



[Forgot password](#)

Registration

Before using the Debates Platform, all schools must register with their email address and create a password. *You only have to do this once*

1. Go to: <https://debates.concern.net/>
2. Under 'Register' enter the fields as listed: First Name, Last Name, Email, Password, Confirm Password and tick the box below (having viewed the policies outlined in the links).
4. Click the purple Register button.

Note: The Debates Platform will be live from 4 October!

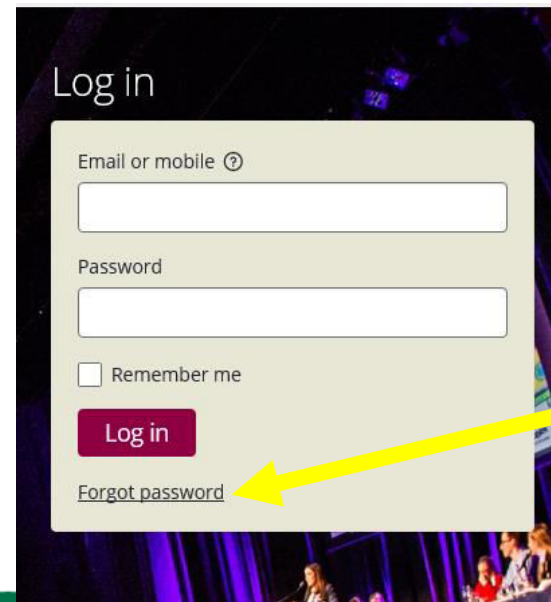
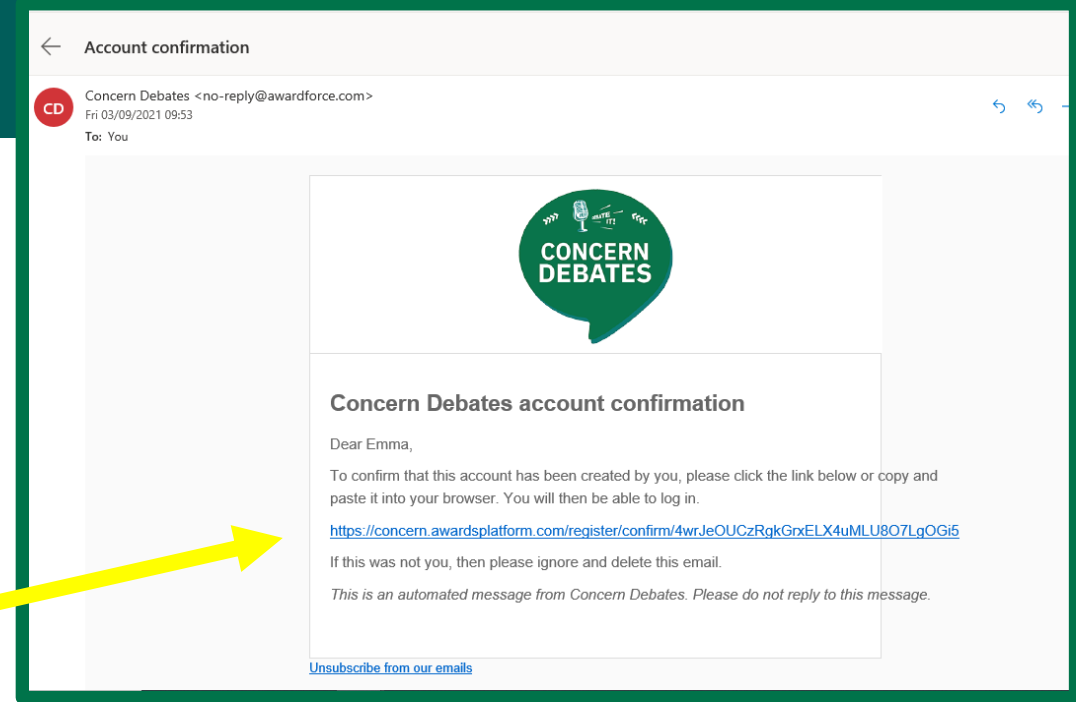
Completing Registration

4. You will then be sent an email for verification.

5. Click on the link to confirm your registration.

6. This will take you back to the homepage to login with your email and password.

Registration complete!



'Forgot password' button

Creating your school account on the Debates Platform

Once logged in, you will be taken to the homepage and see 'My registrations'.

Click on the purple button 'Start new registration'

The screenshot shows the 'Concern Debates' platform interface. At the top, a dark teal header contains the site name 'Concern Debates' on the left and the user's name 'Emma Hassard' with a profile icon on the right. Below the header, a light beige sidebar on the left features a 'My registrations' link with a calendar icon. The main content area has a white background. At the top of this area is a green speech bubble logo with a microphone icon and the text 'REBATE IT!' and 'CONCERN DEBATES'. Below the logo is a section titled 'Important Information about this years Concern's Debates' with a dropdown arrow. The text in this section reads: 'Concern Debates 2021- 22', 'Please ensure that all debates are submitted by 12 noon on the scheduled date your debate is due. Adjudicating may take up to 72 hours after the video is submitted, we will notify you asap when the results and feedback are ready.', and 'If you have any questions about uploading your debates videos, please contact the organisers by email to debates@concern.net'. Below this is a list of two bullet points: '• You may edit your entry after submitting, up until the debate deadline.' and '• Please make sure all your personal details are entered accurately, including contact details.' Further down is a section titled 'My registrations' with the text 'Hello, Emma Hassard!' and 'You have no registrations yet. What are you waiting for?'. At the bottom of this section is a purple button labeled 'Start new registration'. A yellow star icon is positioned to the left of this button.

Concern Debates

Emma Hassard

My registrations

REBATE IT! CONCERN DEBATES

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My registrations

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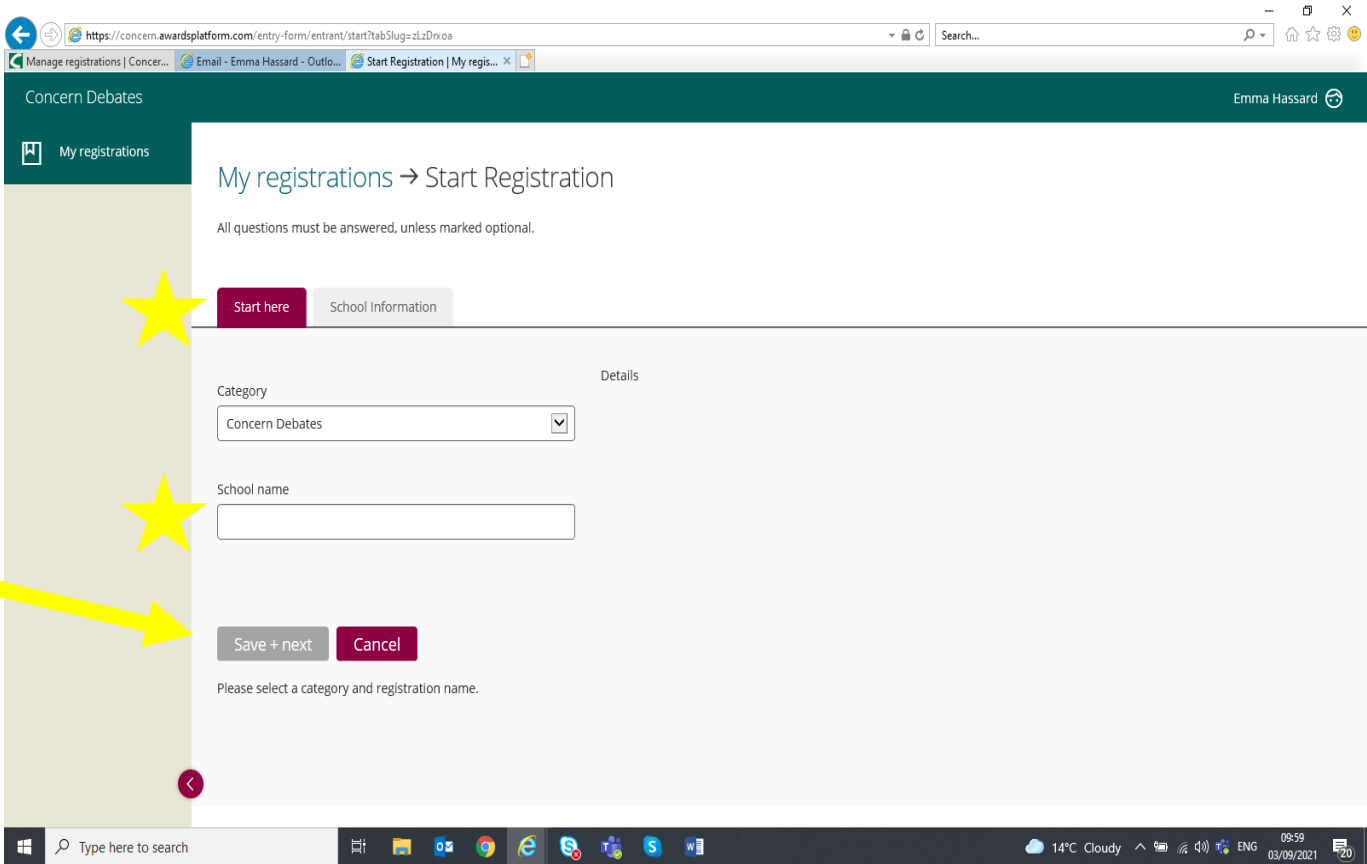
You have no registrations yet. What are you waiting for?

Start new registration

Inputting your school details

Enter your details under the 'Start here' tab: Category is already inputted, enter your School name.

Once the School name is entered, click the purple button 'Save+next'.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://concern.awardsplatform.com/entry-form/entrant/start?tabSlug=zLzDxoa>. The page title is 'Concern Debates' and the user is logged in as 'Emma Hassard'. The main heading is 'My registrations → Start Registration'. Below this, a note states: 'All questions must be answered, unless marked optional.' There are two tabs: 'Start here' (highlighted with a yellow star) and 'School Information'. The 'Start here' tab contains a 'Details' section with a 'Category' dropdown menu set to 'Concern Debates' and a 'School name' text input field (highlighted with a yellow star). At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Save + next' (purple) and 'Cancel' (grey). A yellow arrow points to the 'Save + next' button. A small purple arrow icon is visible at the bottom left of the form area. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 09:59 on 03/09/2021, with a temperature of 14°C and weather 'Cloudy'.

Inputting your school details continued

This will take you to the next tab 'School information.' Enter your school details:

Roll No. – for NI schools enter n/a

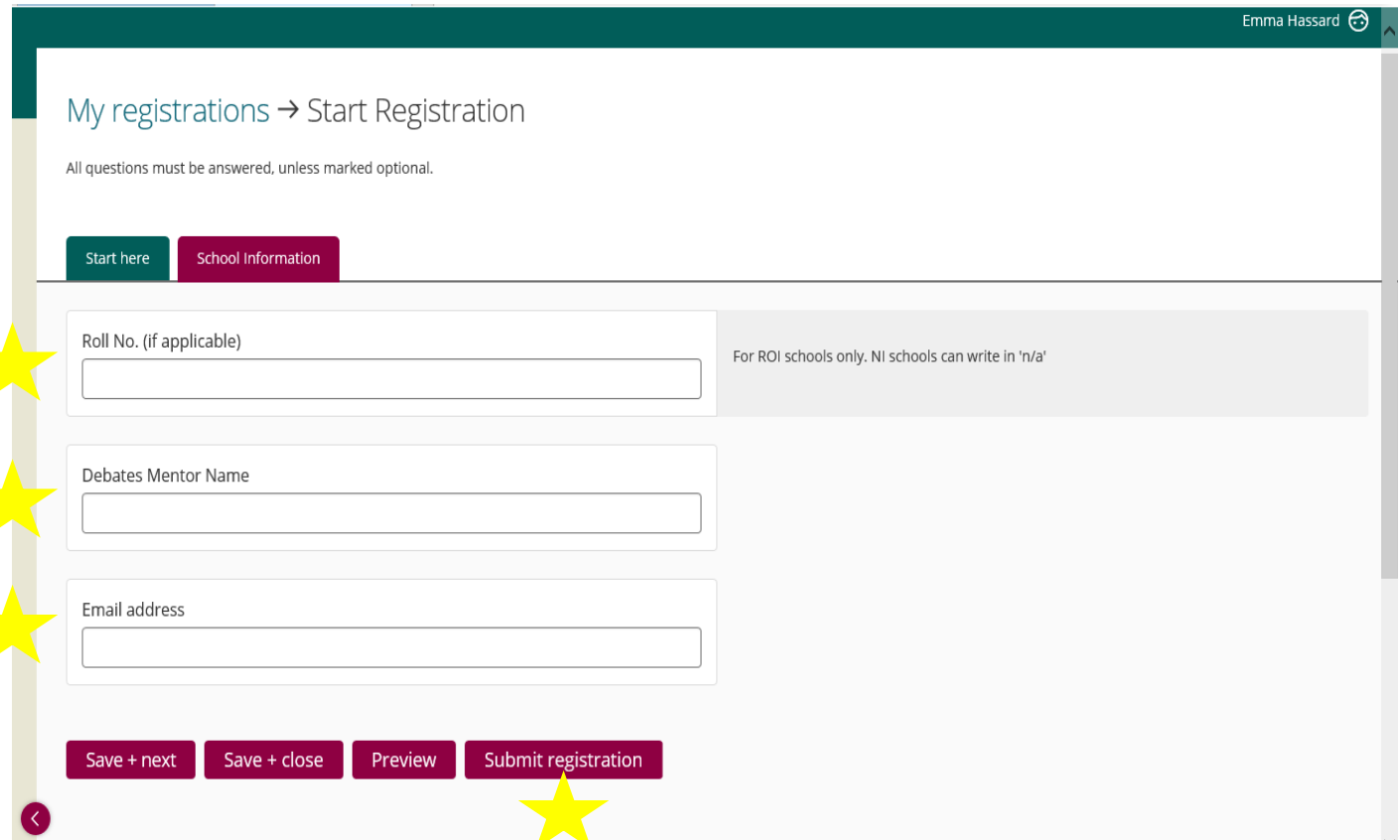
Debates mentor name

Email address

Once all details are inputted, click on the purple 'Submit registration' button at the bottom.

This will take you to a page saying 'Thanks for submitting your registration'

Your school account registration is now complete!



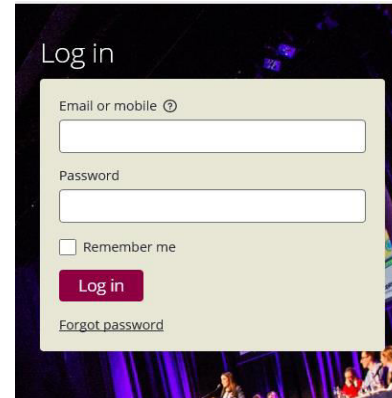
The screenshot shows a web interface for 'My registrations' with a user profile 'Emma Hassard' in the top right. The main heading is 'My registrations → Start Registration'. Below this is a note: 'All questions must be answered, unless marked optional.' There are two tabs: 'Start here' (active) and 'School Information'. The 'School Information' tab contains three input fields: 'Roll No. (if applicable)', 'Debates Mentor Name', and 'Email address'. A grey box on the right side of the 'Roll No.' field contains the text 'For ROI schools only. NI schools can write in 'n/a''. At the bottom of the form are four buttons: 'Save + next', 'Save + close', 'Preview', and 'Submit registration'. A yellow star is placed over the 'Submit registration' button. Three yellow stars are also placed vertically on the left side of the form, one next to each input field.

Uploading a debate video

Log in to your account.

Once you log in, Click Review registrations at the left hand side.

Click Video Upload 1/ 2 /3

A login form overlay with a dark background. It contains fields for 'Email or mobile' and 'Password', a 'Remember me' checkbox, a 'Log in' button, and a 'Forgot password' link.

Log in

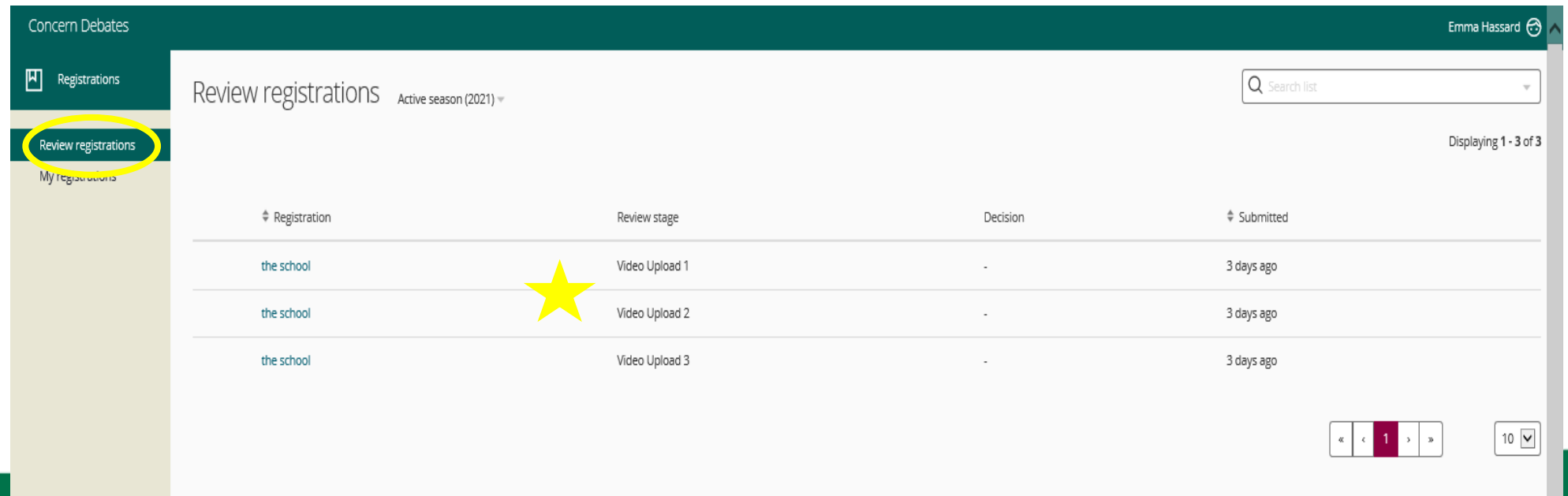
Email or mobile ⓘ

Password

☐ Remember me

Log in

[Forgot password](#)

A screenshot of the 'Review registrations' page in the 'Concern Debates' system. The left sidebar shows 'Review registrations' highlighted. The main area displays a table of registrations with columns for Registration, Review stage, Decision, and Submitted. A yellow star is placed over the 'Video Upload 1' entry in the 'Review stage' column. The table shows three entries for 'the school' with 'Video Upload 1', 'Video Upload 2', and 'Video Upload 3' in the review stage, all with a decision of '-' and submitted '3 days ago'. The page includes a search bar, a dropdown for 'Active season (2021)', and pagination controls at the bottom right showing '1' of 3 items.

Concern Debates

Emma Hassard

Registrations

Review registrations

My registrations

Review registrations Active season (2021)

Search list

Displaying 1 - 3 of 3

Registration	Review stage	Decision	Submitted
the school	Video Upload 1	-	3 days ago
the school	Video Upload 2	-	3 days ago
the school	Video Upload 3	-	3 days ago

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Uploading debate details

Enter the debate details clearly:

Proposition
Opposition
Motion

Click on the Video purple button 'Select File'. Select the file- you will see it uploading and then 'Transcoding.'

Concern Debates

Em Hassard

Registrations

Review registrations

My registrations

NI school hello

Registration name

NI school hello

Category

Concern Debates

Proposition School

Opposition School

Motion

Video 1

Select file

Submit ✓ Decline ✕ Save for later

Submitting the video

Once the video is uploaded, you will see it as picture.

Please Click the green button at the bottom 'Submit'

Note: If you do not click submit, the videos will not be received by the debates team.

NI school hello

Category
Concern Debates

Proposition School
A School

Opposition School
B College

Motion
Pink is better than blue

Video 1

[Delete](#)

[Roisin 2.MOV](#) [↓](#)

[Submit ✓](#) [Decline ✕](#) [Save for later](#)

Your debate has been uploaded!

You will see in
'Review registrations'
the video is listed as
'Submit'.

**Your debate has
been uploaded!**

The screenshot displays the 'Review registrations' page on the Concern Awards Platform. The page title is 'Review registrations' with a sub-header 'Active season (2021)'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The table below lists three registrations, all from 'the school'. The third registration, 'Video Upload 1', has a 'Submit (Proceed)' button highlighted with a yellow circle. The page also shows a sidebar with navigation options, a footer with copyright information, and a system status indicator.

Registration	Review stage	Decision	Submitted
the school	Video Upload 2	-	3 days ago
the school	Video Upload 3	-	3 days ago
the school	Video Upload 1	Submit (Proceed)	3 days ago

Adjudication and feedback

The video has been received by the debates team and will now be shared securely with the recruited adjudicator.

Concern Debates team will then contact you by email within 72 hours with the result and feedback, once the adjudication process is complete.

Both schools please retain a copy of the video until you have received your result and feedback.



THE RESULTS ARE IN...

Questions?



Keep an eye on our website for information on the motions and league table:

<https://www.concern.net/schools-and-youth/debates>

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