
THE FUNDAMENTALS OF DEBATING

PATHWAY

Level 1. Introduction to Debating



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The Debate League



Level 1.

Introduction to Debating



Week 1 Dive into Debating!

Meet your mentors, make friends, and master the basics of effective arguments through icebreaker games.

Week 2 The Power of Style

Discover the art of persuasive and impactful speaking, and identify your own intuitive speaker style.

Week 3 Crafting Clear Arguments

Unlock the secrets of structuring strong arguments using Debate Mate's fundamental technique—essential for mastering debating.

Week 4 Ruthless Rebuttal

Learn to think critically, structure effective rebuttals, and respond to the ideas of others with finesse and precision.

Week 5 Who Can Say What & When?

Discover how to confidently present on-the-spot challenges during the heat of a debate through Points of Information.

Week 6 Mid-Term Showdown

Apply your skills in your first full debate, receive detailed feedback, from your expert mentors and set personal targets for your next debate.

Week 7 Elevate Your Argument

Expand your arguments and develop your explanations with longer, more advanced speeches to really impress those judges!

Week 8 Supercharge Your Skills

Discover advanced strategies for crafting laser-focused rebuttal and practice delivering multiple targeted responses to master the art of precision in debates.

Week 9 Prepare like a Pro

Explore research and preparation techniques for tackling unseen motions and put your skills to the test in an exhilarating full debate.

Week 10 Competition Week!

Gear up for an exhilarating End of Term competition against a completely new set of students, showcasing your skills and receiving detailed feedback from our expert judges.

After the competition, you'll receive a report from your mentors, detailing your progress throughout the term!





Level 2.

Developing Debating Skills



Week 1 Get to Know Your Squad

In this high energy session, students will meet the other students in their club and dive straight into mastering argumentation.

Week 2 Stylish Speaker

Discover your own unique debating style, drawing inspiration from iconic communicators like Obama and Greta Thunberg.

Week 3 Stakeholder Spotlight

Dive into the real-world impact of debates by critically analysing the key stakeholders impacted by a motion.

Week 4 Rebuttal Master

Elevate your engagement with advanced rebuttal techniques, and take part in a full debate with detailed mentor feedback!

Week 5 Strategic Showdown

Explore advanced debating strategies and argument generation techniques, and put them into action in a heated mini-debate.

Week 6 The Art of Winning

Focus on strategic thinking, engaging in a full debate with feedback tailored to the team with the best tactics and teamwork.

Week 7 Decoding the Judging Criteria

Grasp the intricacies of how debates are scored, and try being a judge yourself, giving peer feedback to your teammates.

Week 8 Time to Reflect and Target Set!

Reflect on your progression so far this term, and work with your mentors to set SMART targets for your next debate.

Week 9 Speaker Roles

Practice active listening and learn how to be precise and concise as we discover the roles of Summary Speaker and Defining the Motion.

Week 10 Competition Week!

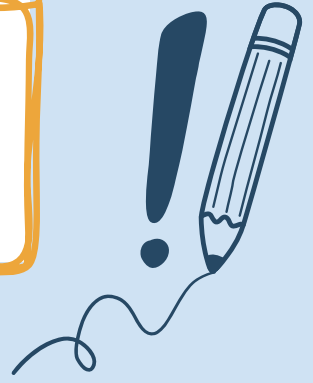
Compete against a brand new group of students in the term's Grand Finale - the End of Term Competition! This extended session will see you put all your skills to the test.

After Week 10, you can look forward to a certificate of completion and a progress report from your mentors.





Level 3. Mastering Debating 1



Week 1 Meet Your Teammates

Get to know your teammates and re-ignite your debating journey with content research on environmental policy, ready for next week's debate!



Week 2 Environmental Showdown

Sharpen your argument generation, time management, and public speaking skills in an exciting debate on the environment.

Week 3 Understanding Human Rights

Hone your ability to critically engage with the ideas of others as you delve into the world of Human Rights.



Week 4 Rights Rebuttal

Engage in a debate on Human Rights, receiving mentor feedback on your targeted rebuttal and response techniques.



Week 5 Sports and Strategy

Take part in group discussions on ethics in sport, and refine your understanding of stakeholder analysis for that competitive edge.



Week 6 Sporting Showdown

Prepare for an intense debate on the topic of sport, receiving feedback that emphasises your teamwork skills and strategic prowess.

Week 7 Science with Style

Practice delivering captivating speeches and master the art of precise rebuttal using the intriguing topic of Science.

Week 8 Scientific Debate

Gear up for a Science-themed debate, receiving comprehensive feedback on content, style, and strategy.

Week 9 Talking Tech and Active Listening

Practice active listening as we explore Technology, honing your skills of inference and your analytical abilities.

Week 10 Competition Week!

Compete in our thrilling End of Term Competitions, showcasing all the skills learned throughout the course.

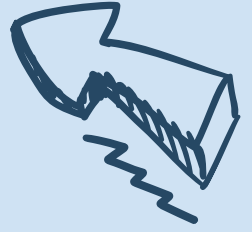
Look forward to a detailed progress report and certificate of completion at the End of Term!





Level 4.

Mastering Debating 2



Week 1 Understanding Politics

Ignite your debating journey in this high-energy introductory session, and delve into the workings of the UK government,



Week 2 Political Showdown

Sharpen your political prowess in a full debate, focusing on finding common ground and conceding arguments.



Week 3 Speak Like a Celebrity

Dive into practice interviews on the topic of fame and learn to emulate different celebrity speaking styles.



Week 4 The Celebrity Debate

Work in teams to debate and receive feedback on a motion about Fame, focusing on refining and enhancing your personal style.



Week 5 Teamwork Triumphs

Work in teams to explore a prepared motion on the Environment, considering your own leadership and communication styles.



Week 6 Eco-Debate Showdown!

Put your research and analytical skills to the test! Use the information you gathered last week to debate a motion on the Environment.

Week 7 Motion Mastery

Learn how to create your very own debate motion, interrogating the language of motions and how to make them contentious yet fair.

Week 8 My Motion Debate


Vote on your favourite motion from last week's session, and take part in a full debate on the winning motion!

Week 9 The Burden of Proof

Consider how to strategically frame a debate to your team's advantage, and get to grips with 'burdens of proof'.

Week 10 Competition Week!

Go head-to-head against another club in our exciting End of Term competition. This extended session will put your skills to the test!

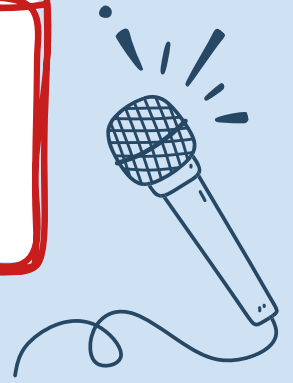


To wrap up the term, receive a detailed progress report and an awesome certificate!



Level 5.

The Debate League



About the **Debate League**

The Debate League is the pinnacle of our Fundamentals of Debating Pathway, where our most experienced students take part in competitive debates every week.

The Debate League curriculum changes each term, bringing new topics for students to debate and new skills for them to master.

Each term, students compete under the guidance of brand new debate coaches, and alongside a new set of teammates from across the globe, keeping every term exciting and dynamic.

Week 5 Mid-Term Competition

Spend the first half of term honing your teamwork skills and identifying your strengths and weaknesses as a squad. Focus on target setting and offering constructive peer feedback, in preparation for your extended competition session in Week 5!

Week 10 End of Term Competition

The second half of term will build on your success at the Mid Term Competition, exploring challenging new topics and honing your skills of argumentation and persuasion. At the end of term, one team will be crowned the Debate League Champions!