

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF DEBATING

JUNIORS PATHWAY

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**The Debate
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Level 1. Juniors



Week 1 **Argument Magic**

Meet your teammates and your mentors, then dive right in to creating interesting arguments for exciting debate topics.

Week 2 **Stylish Speeches**

Explore speaker style through tone, gesture, and language. Craft your own stylish toolkit for speeches that will wow your audience!

Week 3 **Power-up your Structure**

Learn how to structure your ideas, and discover the magic of signposting for creating clear, convincing arguments.

Week 4 **Challenge Quest**

Become a master of rebuttal as you learn how to challenge others constructively and disagree agreeably.

Week 5 **Keep Your Cool**

Learn to deal with pressure and think on your feet as you practice offering, accepting, and declining Points of Information during the heat of the debate.

Week 6 Mid-Term Showdown

It's your first full debate! Work alongside your teammates and receive helpful feedback from your supportive mentors.

Week 7 Mastering Structure

Level up your arguments and explanations with new persuasive techniques, then test your skills in your second debate of term.

Week 8 Challenge Champions

Become a challenge pro as you practice your Points of Information and Rebuttal. Practice being concise and direct to communicate your ideas clearly.

Week 9 Style Superstars

Build up your confidence talking in front of an audience, and explore famous speaking styles to help elevate your own.

Week 10 Competition Week!

It's the End of Term Competition! Compete against another club in the final debate of term. Make new friends, meet new mentors, and receive fantastic personalised feedback.

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





Level 2. Explorers



Week 1 Teamwork All-Stars

Get to know your debate squad as you practice teamwork and communication – essential skills for all great debaters.

Week 2 The Style Quest

Unleash your own standout speaking style as you dive into advanced stylistic techniques like pace and tone.

Week 3 PEEL Perfection

Power up your speeches with the PEEL structure, and learn to be brave, engaging, and persuasive when you speak.

Week 4 Rebuttal Revolution

Master the art of attacking arguments, and generate targeted rebuttals inspired by the creativity of Roald Dahl.

Week 5 Debate Debut

Step into the spotlight with the first debate of the term! Receive in-depth mentor feedback to help you go from strength-to-strength.

Week 6 Challenge Accepted

Practice your active listening and critical thinking skills to deliver punchy Points of Information that challenge your opponents

Week 7 Explanation Expert

Expand your explanations by asking yourself challenge questions like "Why is this true?" or "Why is this important?"

Week 8 Disagreeing Respectfully

Master the art of respectful disagreement as you respond to challenges from your fellow debaters.

Week 9 The Practice Debate

It's the penultimate debate! Practice your debate prowess and receive helpful feedback from your mentors and teammates.

Week 10 Competition Week!

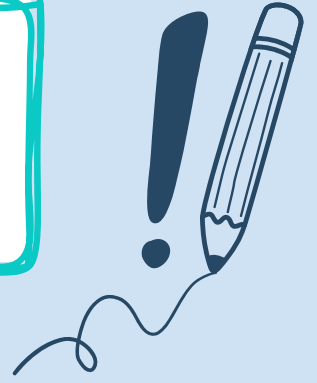
Compete against a brand new group of students in the term's Grand Finale - the End of Term Competition! This extended session will see you put all your skills to the test.

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





Level 3. Adventurers



Week 1 Thinking Big

Unleash your creativity as you explore new ways to generate arguments, then practice speaking up, speaking out and making your ideas heard.



Week 2 Who's Who?

Dive into stakeholder analysis as you learn to empathise with points of view that are different from your own.

Week 3 How to Captivate your Audience

Style matters! Let's make your speeches as exciting as they are convincing, using rhetorical questions and the rule of three.



Week 4 I Couldn't Disagree More

Practice responding to arguments under time pressure, and master the art of staying focused amid the chaos of a debate.



Week 5 Let the Games Begin

In your first debate of the term, tackle a motion on the Olympics, incorporating advanced stakeholder analysis into your speech.



Week 6 Accept or Deny?

Showcase your confidence in the heat of the debate as you deliberate whether to accept or deny Points of Information.

Week 7 Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!

Discover Debate Mate's teamwork tips and preparation techniques as you dive into a full-fledged debate.

Week 8 Motion Exploration

Work together to interrogate the motion *'This House believes that children should be adventurous'* ahead of next week's debate!

Week 9 It's Debate Time!

Present your arguments in front of an audience and receive mentor feedback on the quality and coherence of your ideas.

Week 10 Competition Week!

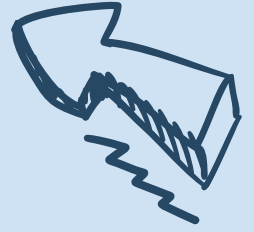
It's the grand finale! Focus on style, content, and strategy as you compete against another club in this extended session.



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



Level 4. Discoverers



Week 1 **Get to Know Your Squad**

Embark on your Discoverers adventure by getting to know your club and mastering the art of choosing powerful examples.



Week 2 **Fame Faceoff**

Plunge into your first debate on the topic of fame! Use your newfound knowledge and skills to shine alongside your team.



Week 3 **Style Showdown: Sport Edition**

It's not just about what you say, but how you say it! Explore advanced style techniques like comparing and contrasting.



Week 4 **The Education Debate**

Session four brings your second full debate on the topics of sport and education. Delve into the debate and receive detailed feedback from mentors to elevate your skills.



Week 5 **Stakeholder Spotlight: Space Edition**

Explore how stakeholder analysis adds persuasion and emotion to your speeches, centered around the captivating topic of space.



Week 6 The Galactic Debate

Put into action the valuable feedback from your last debate, and use stakeholder analysis to amplify your explanations.

Week 7 Chief Challenger

Learn to offer targeted challenges for maximum impact, and learn about the concept of protected time in debates.

Week 8 Watch Your Language

Gear up for an exhilarating debate on language, and dive into research techniques and group preparation approaches.

Week 9 Language in the Limelight

Craft compelling and persuasive arguments using the insights gained from last week's research session.

Week 10 Competition Week!

It's the grand finale! Join forces with multiple clubs in the end-of-term competition. Receive expert feedback, make new friends, and celebrate the triumphs of your Discoverers journey!



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



Level 5.

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!

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Level 6.

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.



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Level 7.

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!

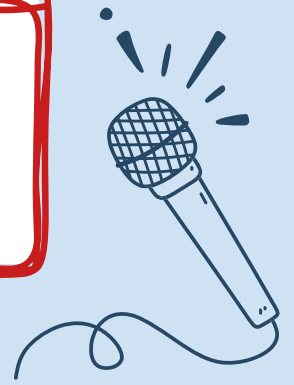


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Level 8.

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!