

Debating Society

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What is the Debating Society?

The Debating Society is an educational enrichment activity designed to present students with opportunities to work collaboratively with their peers, to develop their confidence, public speaking ability, analytical thinking and knowledge of current affairs. It is the perfect way to focus students' interest in debating in a supportive and non-threatening environment.

What will it involve?

A panel of students will deliver arguments to an audience. The "Question Time" format offers something for everyone; those who wish to be speakers, those who wish to question the panel, and those who wish to simply listen. The Society work as a team to research issues, investigate evidence and develop arguments from a particular point of view on a contentious issue before competing in a debate. Issues up for debate might include the following:

- Should the UK have left the EU?
- Should Britain still have a Monarchy?
- Is feminism no longer the best means of achieving equality in the developed West?
- Should drugs be legalised?
- Should animal testing be banned?

Who is it for?

The society is for anybody who has an interest in debating or public speaking. Participation has notable personal and career benefits for students. It develops confidence, public speaking ability, analytical thinking and knowledge of current affairs. It is particularly advantageous for those intending to progress to higher education and for those wishing to pursue careers in journalism, media, management, business, teaching and law.

Why join the Debating Society?

- Promote and develop communication skills and the ability to think quickly
- Encourages critical and creative thinking
- Challenges existing views and opens up new ideas and arguments
- Joining could boost your opportunities and likelihood of being accepted onto competitive university courses.
- It is an excellent talking point for any interview.
- It will be fun!

