

# - LSST -

# Speech & Debate

## Club

*Debate Across A Cosmos Of Ideas...*

### *Who Are We?*

LSST Speech & Debate is well supported and welcoming club where students can develop debating and public speaking skills whilst boosting their self-confidence and critical thinking.

Our lively weekly sessions will teach you new skills and allow you to go head-to-head with other members in a constructive and exciting way, whether through debates or a variety of fun, energetic activities and experiences. We champion our students and their voice, as demonstrated by the club being run by an elected student committee.

### *What's The Club Like?*

We pride ourselves in running a friendly club which welcomes a diverse group of individuals, who create a safe space where debates and discussions on a range of topics can take place. We firmly believe that students should be able to discuss what matters to them with their peers, and learn skills that will serve them for life. In short:

*"Debate Club is fun, challenging and there's always something new each week!"*

### *Why Join Debate?*

We live in a noisy world; seemingly infinite voices and ideas compete for our attention and our support, but what do **you** really believe?

Debate is all about thinking critically and developing your ability to get your thoughts and opinions across to others. No matter what jobs you are looking to pursue, debating will help you become a confident and effective communicator.

Our club offers multiple opportunities for members to engage in formal debates, but we actively welcome all members, regardless of previous debating experience. Typically, new members will have never debated before, so we will work with you and give you the skills and support to get you to a level where you feel comfortable.

*Check out the flipside to get started on your debate journey, and earn some valuable house points ready for your new start at LSST!*

### *Debate Club TL:DR:*

- > *Debate* Topics That Matter To You
- > *Develop* Your Communication Skills
- > *Grow* Your Confidence
- > *Explore* New Perspectives
- > *Access* New Opportunities
- > *Gain* Skills For Your Future Job
- > *Interact* In A Safe & Inclusive Space
- > *Make* Friends For Life!

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## ***Debating Challenge:***

Every debate is built around a *Motion*. Write 3 arguments **For** and **Against** at least one of the following motions:

*“This House Would Ban Mobile Phones”*

*“This House Believes Geography Is Better Than History”*

*“This House Prefers Reading To Listening To Music”*

**2 x House points**

## ***Public Speaking Challenge:***

Every aspiring debater must be able to talk the talk! Write down a 1-minute speech about something you want to achieve in the future. Be sure to watch videos online of experts delivering speeches and use their techniques!

**Task:** *Practice performing your speech.*

**2 x House points**

## ***Wider World Challenge:***

**2 x House points**

It's very important a budding debater has good general knowledge and is aware of what's happening around the world.

**Task:** *Look at the news online and write a short summary paragraph of an interesting article.*

## ***Critical Thinking Challenge:***

**2 x House points**

*You find yourself stranded on a desert island...*

What are three questions *you* would ask?

What are three things *you* would bring with you, and why?

*Remember there are no 'right' answers, it's what you think and why which counts...*