



Inter- House Debate Competition Classes VII & VIII

Dear Parents,

"The ability to speak confidently and think critically is a skill that empowers young minds."

The school is pleased to organize an **Inter-House Debate Competition** for the students of **Classes VII & VIII**. The competition aims to foster critical thinking, effective communication, and confident public speaking among students.

Competition Structure

Round I: Preliminary Round

- **Date:** During ASL Periods
- Preliminary selections will be conducted house-wise.
- Students from each House will participate in the selection round.
- **Three best speakers from each House** will be shortlisted for the Final Round.

Round II: Final Round

- **Date:** 28 July 2026
- **Time:** 08:10 AM
- **Venue:** School Auditorium

Topic for the Preliminary Round

"Social Media Negatively Impacts People's Social Lives."

Topic for the Final Round

"Technology Can Replace Human Creativity."

Participants

Each House will be represented by a team of three students:

- One Speaker For the Motion
- One Speaker Against the Motion
- One Interjector

Procedure

- Prior to the commencement of the debate, a **draw of lots** will be conducted.
- Each House will be questioned by the assigned interjector from another House.
- During the debate, every House team will present both its for and against arguments consecutively.
- After the completion of a House's presentation, the designated Interjector from the assigned House will pose impromptu questions based on the arguments presented.
- Participants will be expected to respond confidently and substantiate their viewpoints with logical reasoning and relevant examples.
- The process will continue until all House Teams will present their arguments and respond to interjections.
- Based on the overall performances, one House will be declared the Winning Team.

Awards

- Winning House Team
- Best Speaker (For the Motion)
- Best Speaker (Against the Motion)
- Jury Award for Best Interjector

Rules & Guidelines

- **Time Limit:** 2–3 minutes per participant.
- Exceeding the time limit will attract a penalty.
- Participants must adhere to their assigned roles.
- Students are encouraged to present logical arguments supported by facts and examples.
- Participants should maintain confidence, discipline, and decorum.
- The judges' decision will be final and binding.

Judging Criteria

- Content & Relevance
- Expression & Fluency
- Confidence & Body Language
- Use of Facts/Examples
- Adherence to Time

All House In-Charges are requested to conduct the preliminary selections and submit the names of the shortlisted participants to the **Event Coordinator (Ms. Chetna and Ms. Monika)** .

We look forward to enthusiastic participation and a stimulating exchange of ideas among our young debaters.

Regards

Team GDGB