

2020 Youth Debate

Each school requires a team of 6 pupils (we sometimes get a few extra supporting):

- 1 speaks 'for' the motion
- 1 speaks 'against' the motion
- 4 pupils (plus the speakers) to ask questions to both 'for' and 'against' speakers from other schools.
- A maximum of 8 questions can be asked.

2 minutes speaking time maximum. (Timed)

Schools have a choice of 3 topics to debate. Schools are not aware of the topic chosen by their competitors. We hope that by giving schools a choice of topics we can encourage questions based on the content of the debate presented, as oppose to pre prepared questions.

Methodology for marking

Merit is given for the presentation of the whole team rather than individual stars within that team.

At the chairman's discretion, two certificates will be awarded for 'Outstanding Individual Contribution' for each District.

Speakers will be marked in three areas:

- Presentation and Delivery
Speakers shout show clear dictation and articulation, confidence, regard to pace and general speaking style. Can you engage your audience?
- Structure of the speech
Does the speech have a framework- introduction with clear statements of themes, development of ideas stated in the introduction and a conclusion summing up your initial statement, have you taken us on a journey?
- Content and Facts
Are you in command of your subject area? Show us evidence of research and ability to give facts to your audience in a palatable manner.

Questions- points will be awarded for factual answers pertinent to the questions and with an immediate response.

The team will also be marked on the quality of the questions asked. Questions should be pertinent to the material presented in the speech

This year we have introduced a ticket system where schools exchange a ticket for a question. This system should allow all schools to ask the same number of questions so are not disadvantaged by position in the room. All schools will be given 4 tickets so can ask 4 questions across the morning.

Choreograph

- How children are invited up to speak
- Something to encourage questions and getting hands up
- Warn about microphone- School introduction?

To Note: Parents are welcome- although space is limited in some chambers