

# INTERHOUSE DEBATE COMPETITION

**You don't win a debate by suppressing a discussion; you win it with a better argument. -Frank Sonnenberg.**

The Interhouse Debate Competition, conducted on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023 was yet another opportunity given to young minds at The Bishop's School, Camp to sharpen their logical thinking skills and their debating prowess, in general.

The debate was a tussle between the four houses namely, Bishops, Mansfield, Arnould and Harding to decide the best speaker and the winning team for the day.

The topic for the event was as follows:

**In an increasingly interconnected and a data-driven society, there is no individual privacy.**

The topic was announced prior at around 9:30 a.m. by our worthy Principal, Mr. Shayne Mcpherson in the school library, accompanying him, was our worthy Headmaster, Mr. Christopher Gaynor. The students drew lots to decide upon the order of speaking on stage. A stipulated time was allotted to the enthusiastic participants to research on the topic and gather valuable inputs while pecking points to deliver the same on stage.

The students assembled in the computer laboratory, assimilating information on the said topic to present coherent ideas at the onset of the debate.

Dressed in smart formals, the students beamed in joy as they stood on the stage delivering their content on a very apt topic and a burning issue at the same time.

The students of classes IX and X gathered post lunch to witness yet another debate session contested by candidates, chosen by their respective housemasters.

A panel of judges comprising Mrs. Pooja Mishra, Mrs. Fatima Inamdar and Mrs. Ankita Sawhney were accorded a floral welcome at the event. Mrs. Shashi Solomon was the moderator of the day who briefed the participants with the general rules of a debate, adherence to the rules and the time limit for the same.

The debating session was followed by a riveting rebuttal session where thought-provoking questions were posed by the participants of the opponent team to the speaker on stage.

After the session got over, the judges shared some valuable tips to ace debating skills, in general.



The following students were the participants of the debate:

**MANSFIELD:** Mustafa Ginwala (X C)

Mohd. Danish Siddiqui (IX A)

**ARNOULD:** Akshit Prasad (X A)

Joel Peter (IX A)

**HARDING:** Ayush Jamalamadaka (X E)

Adit Chimbalkar (IX C)

**BISHOPS:** Stephen Cyril (X D)

Aryan Srivastava (IX A).

The following students were adjudged winners of the Interhouse Debate Competition:

**Winning Team:** Mansfield House comprising Mustafa Ginwala and Mohammad Danish Siddiqui.



**Mustafa Ginwala was adjudged the best speaker of the day.** The participants were awarded certificates on stage and congratulated by one and all present for their chosen stance.

**Runner-up Team:** Harding House comprising Ayush Jamalamadaka and Adit Chimbalkar.



Overall, it was an enthralling session as the audience witnessed a clash of ideas as each participant supported his view by citing elaborate examples, inching gradually towards success. After the session got over, the students dispersed for their respective classrooms.

Indeed, the Bishopites have taken to debating as a fish to water!

Mrs. Deboshree Jana.