



THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, KALYANI NAGAR, PUNE

INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION 2023 - 2024 (UNDER-12 & UNDER-14)

“It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.”

- Joseph Joubert



Debate competitions are a great platform for students to demonstrate their analytical, public speaking, and critical thinking abilities. These contests are not only crucial for a student's academic development, but also have a big impact on their personal growth. It gives individuals the chance to share their opinions and ideas in a formal, well-organized manner while also boosting their confidence.

The Annual Inter-House Debate (U-12 and U-14 categories) for the academic year 2023-2024 was held on **20th September, 2023**, in the school auditorium. Even though the event is planned every year, this one was a little different. The ecstasy of the students, let alone that of the teachers, was quite infectious. It was their exuberance which rendered the event a morning well spent.



The event began with a word of prayer. The hosts for the event welcomed the participants and the audience followed by the introduction of the judges. The Inter-House Debate competition for the U-12 category was moderated by **Kyra Irani** and **Arnima Mishra** while the U-14 category was hosted by **Ayaan Khan** and **Tamanna Raut**.

The motion for the U-12 debate was **“Are diets the safest way to ensure health or is exercising a better choice?”** The motion for the U-14 debate was **“The Expenses on Space Exploration are worth the cause.”** Both the debate topics are relevant in today’s time. Every participant spoke with immense confidence, enthusiasm and conviction.

The participants were judged by a panel of distinguished Judges, comprising **Mrs. Usha Negandhi**, **Mrs. Samruddhi Shinde** and **Mrs. Anita Singh**. The speakers were evaluated on the following criteria: Content, argument, delivery, appropriateness of language, clarity of tone and expression, articulation, poise and confidence and well-reasoned responses to rebuttals.





The competition gave a lot of encouragement and confidence to the debaters and to all the students present there. On completion of the competition, the judges were invited to address the students. The judges were impressed by the oratory skills of the participants and they had a tough time selecting the winners. Thereafter, the results of the competition were declared by our Principal Mr. Ashley Eates. He congratulated each and every participant for their exceptional performance and advised them to continue to strive towards excellence. The announcement of the winners was received amidst thunderous applauding and cheering from the students. The event drew to a close with a customary vote of thanks delivered by **Ethan Abraham**. It was indeed a great learning experience for all the participants and a memorable event for all those who attended it.

The results of the U-12 Inter-House Debate competition were as follows:

The Best Speakers: Marvi Narkhede and Aarna Huria

Runner-up Speaker: Aarika Acharya

House Positions at the end of the competition(U-12) were as follows:

First position- Freese House

Second position- Cooper House

Third position- Lunn House

Fourth position- Roberts House

The results of the U-14 Inter-House Debate competition were as follows:

The Best Speaker: Isabel Bobby

Runner-up Speaker: Priyanshi Gupta

House Positions at the end of the competition(U-14) were as follows:

First position- Freese House

Second position- Roberts House

Third position- Cooper House

Fourth position- Lunn House

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