



THE ANNUAL UNDER-18 INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE 2022-2023

“POWER TO THE VOICE IS POWER TO THE PEOPLE.”

The aim of organizing debate competition is to hone the public speaking skills of the students and teach them to be articulate while expressing their thoughts and opinions. It is with this objective that our school organises debate competitions for varied categories and is always in the forefront wherever such events are conducted. It is little wonder that our students have always excelled and brought laurels to school in debating events.

The U-18 Inter House debate competition was held on the 8th September, 2022 in the school auditorium. The topic of the debate was ‘The fear of nothing is far more dangerous than the fear of everything’ and it was disclosed to the participants just an hour prior to the event.

The event began after the recess at around 11:30 am. Mr. Ashley Eates, Headmaster of our school, was the moderator and Joshua Deniese, the timekeeper. The students of class XI and XII were the enthusiastic audience to witness this exciting event. The event began with a short prayer said by Mr. Eates, who then invited Vedangi Limaye and Gia Sangtani to introduce and welcome the judges Mrs. Ankita Sawhney, Mrs Steffi Zachariah, Mrs. Sandra D’Souza Jose and Mrs. Pritisha Pinto.





The topic was revealed to the judges and the audience by the moderator who then specified the rules of the debate. The speakers of the four Houses introduced themselves before they took on the floor. Cooper House was represented by Naimisha Mishra and Veer Singh, Riya Shinde and Nikash Dhake represented the Freese House, representing Lunn House were Mehek Kalra and Ronav Jaiswal and Preksha Lunkad and Rajveer Pathak represented the Roberts House. The order of speakers was decided by the draw of lots and it was Lunn House debaters to first speak followed by Roberts, then Freese and the last to present their argument were the Cooper House speakers.

The session was the kaleidoscope of opinions, thoughts and perspective that enhanced the knowledge and understanding about the given statement under debate. The teams were well prepared and undoubtedly convinced the audience of their beliefs and views.



The fact that they had just an hour to prepare and present their speeches speaks volumes of their ability to take on any challenge confidently and without any fear. From real life examples of dictators in human history to subjective own examples to speaking that all incentives of society are rooted in fear to saying our insecurities are our biggest fear, the debaters spoke their mind and completely nailed the topic.

After all the participants had spoken, Mr Eates asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak on the topic. A couple of them came up and put forth their perspective on the topic. The topic, as Mr. Eates later said, was a conscious choice for the debate as it is quite related to the teenagers since they think they are invincible and it manifests in their brash and brazen behaviour - so they must understand that there is a very thin line that separates bravery from stupidity.

The moment of truth finally arrived when Mr. Eates announced the results. Riya Shinde from Freese House was declared the Best Speaker, Naimisha Mishra from Cooper House was adjudged the First Runner-Up and Preksha Lunkad from Roberts House was the Second Runner-Up. The event came to a close with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Sashwat Pandey. The competition was an enthralling experience for the speakers, as well as, the audience. It was indeed an afternoon well spent!

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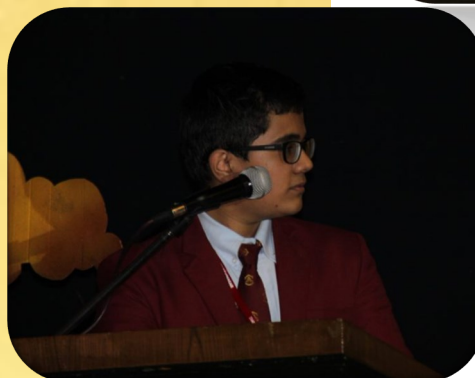
The House positions were as follows:

1st Position – Freese

2nd Position – Cooper

3rd Position – Lunn

4th Position – Roberts



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