

## INTER CLASS DEBATE – CLASS 8

***"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it."***

***-Joseph Joubert***

The Bishop's School, Camp, hosted an Inter-Class Debate Competition for class 8 on the compelling topic, " Social Media is Harmful for the Mental Health of Teenagers."

The event took place in the Lorna Roberts Auditorium on April 10, 2024, providing a platform for students to express their views on an important issue.



The Bishop's School, Camp continues to encourage such activities that contribute to the holistic development of its students.

The moderator of the competition was Mr. Fernandez who with his excellent communication skills kept the entire event well knitted. The mic rover was Saksham Yadav and the timekeeper was Sarthak Yadav.



The competition witnessed an enthusiastic participation from students from class 8.

The participants showcased their eloquence, critical thinking, and persuasive skills and the audience was ensnared by the thought-provoking rebuttals.

The esteemed judging panel comprised Mrs. Melba D'Souza, Mrs. Pressy Varghese and Mr. Wright. Their expertise added depth to the evaluation process, ensuring a fair result.

Mr. Wright spoke to the students about how comprehensively well they put forth their point of views. He also spoke about how rebuttal questions should cover all the aspects pertaining to the topic.



Our Headmaster, Mr. Christopher Gaynor, enlightened the students about the pros and cons of social media on teenagers. Followed by the distribution of participation certificates.



The participants eagerly awaited the declaration of the overall results.

The following students were pronounced winners:

- The Best Speaker for the Motion was Vihaan Kulkarni.
- The Best Speaker against the Motion was Joshua Allen.
- Runners-Up Team was Prabroop Shergill and Vivaan Singh from class 8B.
- The Winning Team was Vihaan Kulkarni and Joshua Allen from class 8A.



After the declaration of results, the crowd rose for the National Anthem, following which the students were dispersed to their respective classrooms.

Enjoying the fame of success, the winners and the rest of the participants assembled on stage and posed for the aspiring shutterbugs of the photography club, bringing the event to a fruitful close.

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