



**THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, UNDRI**  
**INTER-HOUSE DEBATE FOR CLASSES IX AND X 2023-24**  
**'DEBATE NOT ARGUE'**

*The awaited Inter-house Debate for classes IX and X was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, 2023 in the school auditorium with zeal and vigor. This time there was an aura of surprise as the students followed the extempore style of debating. The students had been preparing for some time for the debate and were quite enthusiastic to practice for the same. Often did we notice the shortlisted participants practicing with the prefects and house teachers, trying to get a better outlook on the topics.*

*As the day arrived for the competition all the teams were energized and raring to go for gold. One could feel the mood of the participants as they were tensed but also eager to compete. All of them assembled as the topic was revealed at 10:45 a.m. by our esteemed Principal, Mr. Luke. The topic was quite interesting- 'Social Media is doing more harm than good to society.'*

*Without wasting a moment, the main participants started to prepare their speeches with the use of the internet. At 11: 30 a.m. they were escorted to the Auditorium that was already filled with the students of class IX and X seated accordingly. Mr. Victor led the gathering with a prayer. We then had Mrs. Chatterjee who being the host of the debate introduced the student panel that took up the responsibility to conduct the debate. Aranka Kode of class X C was the Chairperson, Atharv Nimbhorkar of class IX B was the timekeeper and Siddharth Singhi of Class X C looked after the logistics. Mrs Chatterjee went ahead and introduced Anoushka Arvind of Class X F and the latter gave the introduction of the judges for the afternoon debate session. The esteemed panel of judges consisted of Mrs. Genevie Thakur from The Bishop's School, Camp, and Mrs. Steffie Zakariya from The Bishop's Co-ed School, Kalyaninagar. As the debate commenced the students displayed a plethora of speaking skills with their three-minute speeches and listening skills in the form of a rebuttal question that was laudable. As the debate concluded we had Mr. Kolhi who took up an audience interaction with a small quiz. The Judges were then asked to shed some knowledge and encourage the participants. Both of them praised each speaker and motivated them to keep up the good fight.*

*As the programme concluded we had our Headmaster, Mr. Russell declare the results. The Runner-up speaker was bagged by Devanshi Chordia of Wintle House and Amartya Ghosh of Rae House. The best speaker went to Danish Merchant of Rae House. This was followed by the vote of thanks by Niharika Bhadra. The house position was as follows:*

<b>Rae</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Position</b>
<b>Young</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Position</b>
<b>O'connor</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Position</b>
<b>Wintle</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Position</b>



*Mrs. Chatterjee commences the proceedings for the Senior School Debate.*



*The judge from The Bishop's School Camp Mrs. Genevie Thakur being felicitated.*



*The student panel at their best as they conduct the Debate.*



*The competition is on*



*The teams in Action.*

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