



Session: 2025-26

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Rhetoric Realm

Inter-House English Debate Competition

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Dear Parents & Students,

Greetings!

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Inter-House English Debate Competition (**Rhetoric Realm**), designed to enhance the critical thinking and public speaking skills of our students. The competition will be held on **September 3, 2025**, and we invite all houses to participate in this exciting event. Kindly find the following structure of the debate:

Categories

1. Classes VI to VIII
2. Classes IX to XII

Number of Participants

1. Category 1: Classes VI to VIII

- Team Composition: Each house can send one team comprising three students:
- One participant will speak in favor of the topic.
- One participant will speak against the topic.
- One participant will handle the rebuttal.

2. Category 2: Classes IX to XII

- Team Composition: Each house can send one team comprising two students who will participate in the turncoat debate. Both of these participants should choose different topics from the recommended list of topics.

Topics

• Category 1: Classes VI to VIII

- Should government jobs have no reservation system?

• Category 2: Classes IX to XII

- Is India's economic growth benefitting only the rich?
- Is India ready for One Nation, One Election?
- Parenting education should be mandatory
- Is India's membership in BRICS more important than ties with the USA?
- Should India prioritize space missions (like Chandrayaan & Gaganyaan) over poverty eradication?

Note:

Category 1: There is only one topic.

Category 2: There are five topics, out of which each speaker needs to present on any one individually.

We request you to go through the general guidelines along with rules and procedures for further clarification of the details.

Regards,

BPSG

General Rules And Guidelines

Eligibility:

- Open to students from Classes VI to XII.
- Each house can send one team per category.

Team Composition:

- Category 1: Three students (one for the motion, one against, one for rebuttal).
- Category 2: Two students participating in Turncoat debate.

Debate Format:

- **Category 1 (Classes VI to VIII):**
 - Speaker 1 (For the Motion): 3 minutes
 - Speaker 2 (Against the Motion): 3 minutes
 - Rebuttal Speaker: 1 minute 30 seconds
 - 30 Seconds for the rebuttal to frame and ask question. (Only 1 question)
 - 1 minute for the speaker to answer the question put forward by the rebuttal.
- **Category 2 (Classes IX to XII):**
 - Turncoat debate: Each speaker will switch sides (for and against the motion) as per the chair's instructions.
 - Speaker 1: 3 minutes
 - Speaker 2: 3 minutes

Preparation Time:

- Category 1 & 2 : No additional preparation time.

Judging Criteria:

- Content and Argumentation
- Delivery and Clarity
- Rebuttal and Responsiveness
- Adherence to the Topic and Rules
- Body language

Use of Gadgets: Use of any electronic devices is not allowed.

Prizes and Awards

Certificates will be given to FIRST, SECOND and THIRD, in each category.

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