



# ST. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL

Affiliated with CBSE, New Delhi (Aff. No. 2133692)

Date: 9 July 2026

## **THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK: Intra-Class Debate Competition** **Theme: Speak with Logic, Lead with Confidence**

Dear Parents,  
Greetings!

We are delighted to inform you that the school is organizing an **Intra-Class Debate Competition** for the students of **Grade VIII**. This intellectually stimulating event aims to develop students' critical thinking, public speaking, persuasive communication, and the ability to present well-reasoned arguments while respectfully considering opposing viewpoints.

### **Event Details:**

**Date of Competition: 30 July 2026**

**Venue: School Auditorium**

### **Competition Guidelines:**

- Each participant will be assigned to either the 'For' or 'Against' side of the motion.
- The debate motion will be shared with students in advance to facilitate preparation.
- Speaking Time: 2-2.5 minutes per participant and 60 seconds for rebuttal.
- Participants should present logical, well-structured, and convincing arguments supported by relevant facts, examples, or experiences.
- Structure to Follow:
  - Opening (20-30 seconds): Introduce the motion and clearly state your stance.
  - Main Argument (1-1.5 minutes): Present strong arguments with supporting examples, facts, and reasoning.
  - Conclusion (20-30 seconds): Summarize your key points and conclude with a persuasive closing statement.
  - Rebuttal (50-60 seconds): Present logical response to the question put up against your stance.
- Language: English
- Props, costumes, cue cards, or electronic devices are not permitted during the competition.

### **Judgment Criteria:**

- Content, Relevance & Strength of Arguments – 20 Pts
- Organization & Logical Reasoning – 20 Pts
- Expression, Fluency & Voice Modulation – 20 Pts
- Confidence, Persuasiveness & Overall Presentation – 20 Pts
- Rebuttal – 20 Pts



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## **Suggested Areas for Debate Motions:**

Students may receive motions based on a variety of contemporary and thought-provoking **themes**, including:

- Education & Learning
- Technology & Artificial Intelligence
- Environment & Sustainability
- Social Media & Digital Citizenship
- Health & Lifestyle
- Social Values & Ethics
- Science & Innovation
- Current Affairs and Everyday Issues

**Note:** The emphasis of this competition is on logical reasoning, clarity of expression, respectful communication, and confident delivery. Participants are encouraged to support their viewpoints with relevant examples while maintaining proper debate etiquette.

**We look forward to your child's enthusiastic participation in this enriching event. Together, let us nurture confident, articulate, and thoughtful individuals who can express their opinions with conviction and respect.**

**Warm Regards,**