PRIMARY DEBATES Chairperson's Duties



This is just a guide for chairpersons – you don't have to follow this speech to the letter!

Welcome everyone to today's debate between (proposing school name and town or village) and (opposing school name and town or village).

By exploring the issues we're debating today we hope that you as young people will learn more about each other, about our environment, and about our place in the world.

As you know, a debate is much like a conversation or an argument between two or more people with opposing views. I urge you all to listen carefully and to pay attention to what both teams have to say. Please do not interrupt or try to distract the debaters. Remember that only 3 students are allowed to speak from each team. Debaters are encouraged to pass notes throughout the debate, however, receiving notes or help from anyone outside of the 3 speakers is not permitted.

And now, to begin today's debate I call on the first speaker of the proposition student's name from school name

Thank you. Now I call on the first speaker of the opposition from school name

Thank you. Now I call on the second speaker from the proposition.

Thank you. Now I call on ______ the second speaker from the opposition.

Thank you. Now I call on the third speaker from the proposition.

Thank you. Now I call on the third speaker from the opposition

Thank you. Now I call on again, the **captain of the opposition**.

Thank you. **Finally**, I call on the **captain of the proposition**.

Now the adjudicators will take approximately 15 minutes to calculate their marks. You are welcome to take a short break and return for the results.

When the adjudicators are back online/ in the room

We welcome back our adjudicator to announce the result.