

## QUARTER FINAL MOTION:

# Artificial Intelligence is a force for global good

So, what exactly is AI? Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to computer systems designed to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as learning, problem-solving, language understanding, and decision-making. Although the concept has existed since the 1950s, rapid advances in computing power and data have transformed AI from a research idea into a powerful real-world technology. In recent years, tools developed by organisations such as OpenAI and Google have brought AI into classrooms, workplaces, hospitals, and homes.

Supporters of the motion argue that AI is a force for global good because it improves healthcare through faster diagnoses, expands access to education with personalised learning tools, boosts economic productivity, and helps tackle major challenges such as climate change. They see AI as a tool that, when responsibly managed, can reduce inequality and improve quality of life worldwide.

Opponents, however, caution that AI can also deepen inequality by replacing jobs and concentrating power in large corporations and governments. They raise concerns about biased algorithms, loss of privacy through surveillance technologies, and the potential development of autonomous weapons, issues that have prompted debate at institutions such as the United Nations. Critics argue that without strong global regulation, AI's risks may outweigh its benefits.

It's time to ask ourselves; what can AI do, who controls it, who benefits from it, and how can its risks be effectively managed? This motion doesn't just ask you to list the pros and cons of AI, it challenges you to dig deeper into the power structures, ethical dilemmas, and global consequences behind the technology. Is AI shaping our future for the better, or are we shaping AI in ways we don't yet fully understand?

*Debate it!*

