

Debate Mate - 1 Pager of Information for the Inspiring Futures Programme

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- **Charity overview:**

Debate Mate Schools was founded to close the skills gap between young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers. We believe communication, confidence, and leadership are essential for success – yet too often, access to these opportunities depends on where a child grows up. Our debate-led after-school programmes equip students with the ability to think critically, speak persuasively, and collaborate effectively. By levelling the playing field, we raise aspirations and empower young people to find their voice.

- **School offer: ?**

- **Eligible students:**

-Anyone from year 7, 8, 9 or 10 (and year 5 and year 6 in primary schools.)

- **Timings/delivery:**

-17 week programme, 14 taught after-school club sessions, 3 competition weeks (*two Urban Debate League competitions and one Debate Mate Cup competition*)

- **Key outcomes you can expect:**

-The development of a multitude of skills: confidence; critical thinking; evaluation; speaking & listening; self-esteem; resilience; strategic teamwork; leadership.

-Further examples of our impact can be found [HERE](#)

- **Resource needed:**

-One teacher required to be in the classroom for the first five sessions (not required beyond this), one classroom and mentor per 18 students, we work on a 1:18 ratio.