

Harvard Debate League





WORKSHOP OVERVIEW:

Harvard Debate League is a **4 day offline** workshop designed to equip high school students with essential debate skills through a comprehensive and interactive curriculum.

Starting with an introduction to various debate formats and fundamentals, students will learn to construct cases, develop strong arguments, and practice rebuttals. Advanced sessions will cover deeper argumentation techniques, cross-examination, and strategic planning. Specialized skills like **persuasion, public speaking, and team dynamics** are also emphasized.

The program culminates in a **competitive tournament**, allowing students to showcase their skills, receive feedback, and be recognized for their achievements.

Start Your Journey NOW!

WORKSHOP DETAILS



Students get a **Completion Certificate** from Harvard Youth Lead the Change and Big Red Education, signed by the Mentor.



Opportunity to get a **Letter of Recommendation** from the Mentor



Dates- 9-12 Jan, 2025

Timings- 9am - 5pm



Lancers International School,
Gurugram



Grades 8-12



INR 30,000 + GST



Deadline :
20th Dec 2024

EARLY BIRD fee- INR 25,000 + GST

Deadline: 10th Nov 2024



THE CURRICULUM

DAY 1: INTRODUCTION TO DEBATE AND FUNDAMENTALS

Registration and Welcome

- Introduction to the program and the instructors.
- Ice-breaker activities to get to know each other.

Introduction to Debate

- What is debate?
- Types of debate formats (e.g., Parliamentary, Policy, Lincoln-Douglas).

Debate Fundamentals

- Structure of a debate round.
- Roles of each speaker.

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Argumentation and Case Construction

- How to construct a case.
- Developing strong arguments and counterarguments.

LUNCH BREAK

Research and Evidence

- How to research effectively.
- Using evidence to support arguments.

Introduction to Rebuttals

- Techniques for effective rebuttals.

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Practice Session

- Students work in pairs to construct and present a case.
- Feedback from instructors.

Q&A and Review

- Open floor for questions.
- Recap of the day's lessons.

THE CURRICULUM

DAY 2: ADVANCED ARGUMENTATION AND STRATEGY

Warm-Up Activity

- Quick debate-related game to energize students.

Advanced Argumentation Techniques

- Developing deeper arguments.
- Identifying logical fallacies.

BREAK

Cross-Examination

- Techniques and strategies for effective cross-examination.
- Practice session.

LUNCH BREAK

Debate Strategy

- Strategic planning for debate rounds.
- Time management during debates.

Flowing and Note-Taking

- How to flow a debate.
- Effective note-taking techniques.

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Practice Debates

- Students participate in practice debates.
- Constructive feedback from instructors.

Q&A and Review

- Open floor for questions.
- Recap of the day's lessons.

THE CURRICULUM

DAY 3: SPECIALIZED SKILLS AND PRACTICE

Warm-Up Activity

- Quick debate-related game to energize students.

Persuasion and Rhetoric

- Techniques for persuasive speaking.
- Using rhetoric effectively.

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Public Speaking Skills

- Overcoming stage fright.
- Voice modulation and body language.

LUNCH BREAK

Building Team Dynamics

- Effective teamwork in debates.
- Role-playing exercises.

Ethics in Debating

- Understanding ethical considerations.
- Balancing competitive spirit with respect.

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Extended Practice Debates

- Students participate in longer practice debates.
- Constructive feedback from instructors.

Q&A and Review

- Open floor for questions.
- Recap of the day's lessons.

THE CURRICULUM

DAY 4: TOURNAMENT AND FINAL FEEDBACK

Warm-Up Activity

- Quick debate-related game to energize students.

Tournament Preparation

- Final tips and strategies for the tournament.
- Students prepare their cases.

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Preliminary Rounds

- First round of debates in a tournament format.
- Judges provide feedback.

LUNCH BREAK

Semi-Final Rounds

- Top teams from the preliminary rounds compete.
- Judges provide feedback.

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Final Round

- The top two teams compete in the final round.
- Audience and judges provide feedback.

Awards and Recognition

- Announce winners and distribute awards.
- Recognize individual achievements.

Closing Ceremony

- Final thoughts from instructors.
- Group photo and farewells.

KNOW YOUR Harvard Mentors



Jonada Shukarasi
Conc. in
Government



Kuma McCraw
Conc. in Mechanical
Engineering

Harvard Youth Lead the Change is led by Harvard undergraduate students who are leaders in their own communities. Differentiating this program are the student teachers and their **youthful perspective on leadership development**. Reliable and relatable, the teachers serve as advisors and friends to the students, breaking down intimidating age-based authority structures.

With tremendous enthusiasm for both teaching and learning, the teaching team constantly learns from the students, adapts to their interests and needs, and builds lasting relationships that continue after the program through formal and informal mentorship opportunities.

[Read more about the Mentors>>>](#)



Maeve Brennan
Conc. in History and
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Sam Powell
Conc. in
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Sol Kim
Conc. in Computer Science
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CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

This certificate acknowledges that

Full Name

has successfully completed
Harvard Debate League 2025
at Lancers International School.

Jonada Shukarasi
Chair, Harvard YLC

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Chair, Harvard YLC

The Harvard Debate League is a Debate program that empowers students to develop the necessary Debating skills to excel in their schools or communities.

On Completion, students get a **Certificate of Achievement** from Harvard Youth Lead the Change and Big Red Education, signed by the Mentor.

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