

# Cambridge Debate League





## WORKSHOP OVERVIEW:

Cambridge 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



(Sample Certificate)

Students get a **Completion Certificate** from Big Red Education, signed by the Mentor.



7th - 10th January 26



Lancers International School,  
Gurugram



Grades 8-12



₹ iNR 35,000 + 18% GST



**Deadline :**  
21st December 2025

**EARLY BIRD Fee- INR 30000 + 18% GST**

**Deadline: 2nd November 2025**



# 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.

### BREAK

### 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.

### BREAK

### 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.

### BREAK

### 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.

### BREAK

### 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.

### BREAK

### 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.

### BREAK

### 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.

### BREAK

### 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 CAMBRIDGE MENTOR

Cambridge Debate League is guided by a Cambridge Graduate mentor who is a leader in their own community. What sets this program apart is the mentor's youthful perspective on leadership development.

Reliable and relatable, the mentor serves as both advisor and friend, breaking down intimidating age-based authority structures.

With tremendous enthusiasm for both teaching and learning, the mentor 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.



**Alex H**  
**Mentor**

## Alex H

Alex graduated from the University of Cambridge in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies in 2016 with the Wing Yip prize for highest mark in Chinese Literature. After working in the City of London, Alex returned to gain her Masters at Edinburgh University in Chinese Society and Culture where she received Distinction. She now works closely with Oxford and Cambridge University to introduce students all over the world to these world-renowned institutions.



## CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

*This certificate acknowledges that*

**Full Name**

*has successfully completed the*  
**Cambridge Debate League Winter 2025-26**  
*at lancers International School, Gurugram*

*Alex. H*

***Chair, Cambridge Debate League***

*The Big Red Education empowers students to develop the necessary  
transformative skills to excel in their schools or communities.*

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

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