

UP FOR DEBATE

A WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH TO ORACY AND CRITICAL THINKING



Debating is a versatile pedagogical tool which can be used across the curriculum to engage whole classes in active learning, or to inspire co-curricular clubs ...

Debate builds crucial skills for **GCSE and A-level exams**, which are highly valued by universities. Pupils learn to **think quickly and analytically**, to **structure their arguments**, to consider **alternative perspectives**, to **use evidence effectively**, to **build a formal vocabulary** and to **critically engage** with subject matter.

Debate promotes **Leadership** through a team-based format with numerous opportunities to lead and to collaborate. **Organisation** of time and ideas sits alongside the **Resilience** to evaluate and defend those views, the **Initiative** to respond to unexpected developments, and **Communication** using both speaking and writing.

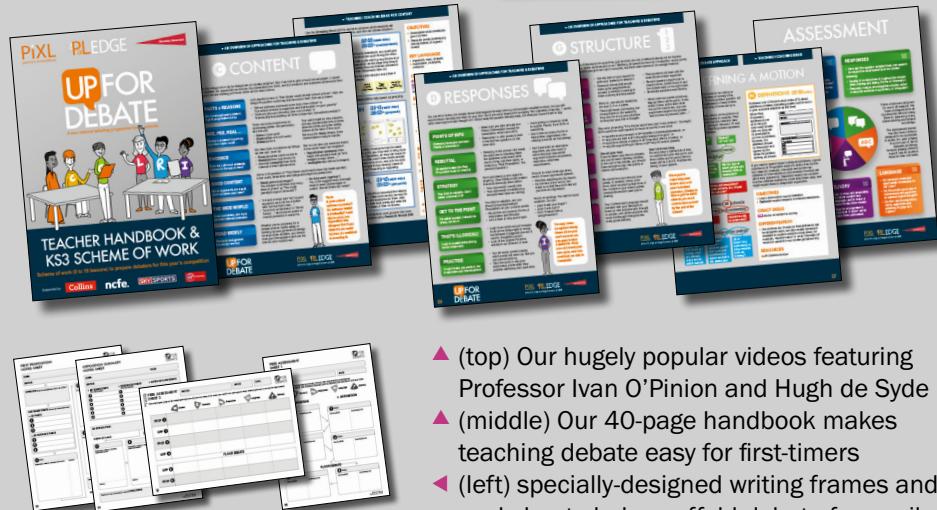


Exploring controversial topics through **respectful dialogue** between Proposition and Opposition teams, audience members and peer assessors is a perfect application of the philosophy behind PiXL's *Them and Us* programme.

Debaters don't always get to speak for the side they agree with, so they learn to **empathise with others' views** from the inside. Our extensive bank of topics empowers them to **think about changing the world**, while exploring how **facts and emotions have immense power** to build bridges or to burn them.

- ▶ **Introduce debate to a whole year group or Key Stage** with our richly-resourced scheme of work for KS3 English.
- ▶ **Flexible worksheets, videos and lesson ideas** enable teachers to deliver 8 to 20 lessons with no prior debate experience.
- ▶ **Staff CPD days** across the country in the autumn term.
- ▶ **Teacher and peer-assessment** rubric focuses on:
 - Well-evidenced **Content**
 - Clear **Structure**
 - Listening and **Responding**
 - Powerful **Language**
 - Clear, convincing **Delivery**.

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- ▲ (top) Our hugely popular videos featuring Professor Ivan O'Pinion and Hugh de Syde
- ▲ (middle) Our 40-page handbook makes teaching debate easy for first-timers
- ▲ (left) specially-designed writing frames and worksheets help scaffold debate for pupils

- ▶ Once you've kickstarted debate in a subject area or year group, you can use our *Debating Across the Curriculum* book as the basis for **whole staff CPD**; it's full of ideas on holding **debates across all subject areas**, including Humanities, STEM, Arts and PE.
- ▶ Our *Debating Beyond the Classroom* book can help you **set up clubs**, establish a

peer-to-peer debate coaching programme, hold **debates in assemblies** or **start a local league**.



- ▶ Prestigious **national competition for KS3 students** in the spring term, where your top debaters meet participants from other schools in the **Regional Championships**. Here students get inspirational feedback from expert debate judges, while teachers receive tips on how to lead further development of oracy in your school.
- ▶ The top eight teams from across the country receive **masterclass training with international-level debate coaches**, and then compete for the honour of being *Up for Debate* champions at our **grand finals day**.



▲ Eight teams representing PiXL schools from across the country at our national finals day at Eton College

£50
+VAT

Access to books, videos, worksheets and other resources on upfordebate.co.uk

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Access to all resources, staff training in the autumn term, and entry to our national competition