

Junior School Debaters hone skills at Gala Day

Ten enthusiastic student debaters travelled to compete in the IPSHA Debating Gala Day on Thursday 30 May. The event allowed the girls to practise and enhance their debating skills, focusing on the three criteria adjudicators use to assess speeches: matter, manner, and method.

There were two topics for the day: 'YouTube is better than TV' and 'We should ban pet shops'. These topics required the debaters to research and consider broad concepts and ethical issues. The debaters were challenged to present their own opinions and understand and rebut opposing arguments. They needed to collaborate and to think critically and creatively.

An unexpected benefit of the day was the opportunity for the girls to get to know students from the host school, Barker College, and the other eight schools that were participating in the competition. The girls were positive about the experience, and they are keen to continue to improve their debating skills.

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The 2024 IPSHA Debating Gala Day Team