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# EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

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# WHAT IS GENESIS DEBATE PROGRAMMES?

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Genesis Debate Programmes is the global arm of the education social business Debate Mate, and has been set up to provide Debate Mate training internationally. We are an innovative global business that employs elite debate mentors and qualified teachers to teach the skills of debating to a variety of audiences. GDP Education has designed and delivered bespoke debating workshops in schools across the world, from London to Dubai, New York to Shanghai.

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Our programmes provide opportunities for your students to become independent thoughtful learners who communicate well with each other, engage in the curriculum, and the world around them in a meaningful way. The skills developed through the GDP approach to debating; critical thinking, communication, leadership and teamwork, are vital for the 21st Century world. These skills are honed through a programme that, at its core, enhances confidence, creativity, empathy and emotional resilience.

The GDP methodology, teaches communication in an innovative, engaging and enjoyable way and develops key 21st Century skills to create modern learners. By employing top university students, recent graduates, and with qualified teachers, GDP programmes instil skills for life. Our programmes lead students to become truly global citizens, imbued with inquisitiveness, awareness of the world around them, and the means to communicate across national borders. This aspirational outlook in combination with a unique skill set, will set young people apart, where ever they are from. It's also a highly enjoyable way to develop spoken English!

# WHY DEBATE?

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## 21ST CENTURY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

Debating equips young people with the confidence to lead and communicate effectively, work in a team, think analytically and creatively while fostering resilience, and emotional intelligence. It engages students with the wider world and important global issues. Taken together, debating creates well-rounded, highly skilled future employees.

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## INCREASED ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT

Debating develops high achievers who are adept at dealing with complex material. It develops critical and creative thinking, which directly translates to the ability to problem-solve. Our methodology is proven to improve students' capacity to use formal English and to listen in an active and productive way. It is also particularly effective at improving literacy and spoken formal English

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## COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY AND CAREERS

Debating naturally equips young people with the ability to perform exceptionally at university interviews. It also stands out above all other extra-curricular activities on a personal statement or CV. The transferable skills guarantee success when at university, and the network that debating creates continues to be beneficial throughout university and into their careers.

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## TAUGHT BY THE HIGHEST ACHIEVING DEBATERS AND PROFESSIONALS IN THE WORLD

We use a combination of world class debaters, mentors and qualified teachers from the world's leading universities, including Oxford, Harvard, LSE, Imperial College and Monash. Many of them are currently excelling as lawyers, bankers, engineers, doctors and technology executives. Our trainers spend in-depth time with the students, and in addition to teaching them debating, mentor them in a wider capacity too.

# WHAT WE OFFER

All of our programmes use GDP's tried-and-tested teaching methodology and are entirely bespoke to the needs of our partners. We can work with students of all ages and abilities, with no limit of the number of participants. Our Teacher training programmes are suitable for teachers across all subjects, key stages, and grades.



**Debating Festivals  
& Weekenders**



**Teacher Training  
& Consultancy**



**Summer Schools**



**Elite Coaching  
& Partnerships**

**University  
& College Programme**

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# DEBATING FESTIVALS & WEEKENDERS

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**Our Debating Festivals and Weekenders are 2-4 day programmes hosted at your school, featuring:**

- An opening ceremony and showcase debate featuring world-class debaters on an engaging topic. The showcase debate will give your students an idea of what a debate looks like and what to expect from the sessions.
- Workshops that combine debating tutorials, activities, and practice debates. Students will receive personalised feedback and targets. We are able to stream students according to age and ability, so that those with prior debating experience can be given intermediate or advanced training that assumes an understanding of some of the technical aspects of debating.
- A Debating Competition organised, judged, and tabulated by GDP. This will be followed by a Grand Final Debate and Awards Ceremony.
- GDP and Debate Mate branded merchandise, certificates, and awards for all participants.



## DAY ONE

### **Show Debate and Introductory Activities**

Day one will begin with a show debate by our world-class debaters in front of all students and staff that gives an idea of what a debate looks like and what to expect from the sessions. The workshops will start immediately afterwards and will combine a range of interactive activities, practice debates and in-depth feedback

## DAY TWO

### **Advanced Techniques and Practise Debates**

Students will focus on putting the skills developed in earlier sessions into practice through different activities, ranging from team challenges to practice debates. Students will receive detailed feedback from their coaches and set personalised targets

## DAY THREE

### **Competition, Grand Final and Awards Ceremony**

All students will take part in a debating competition where they will compete against other students, applying the skills that they have developed in the workshops. Students will debate a range of different topics. The top teams will compete in a prestigious Grand Final, which will be watched by all of the students and guests. Following the Grand Final, the students will take part in a Gala Awards Ceremony, where they will be presented with a graduation certificate and certain students will be recognised for special achievements

# SAMPLE THREE DAY WORKSHOP



# SUMMER SCHOOLS

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## Debating summer schools, lasting one or two weeks, featuring:

- Workshops that cover the fundamentals of debating and the art of public speaking using Debate Mate's internationally recognised methodology.
- Talks and seminars led by world-class debaters from the world's most prestigious universities.
- Practice debates with personalised feedback and targets.
- A highly prestigious championship competition, followed by a Grand Final and a formal Gala Awards Ceremony.
- Fun, debating-related team building games and high-energy recreational activities including sports, spelling bee, chess, quizzes, a talent contest and much more. All of our activities can be adapted to suit the needs of your school.



# SAMPLE SUMMER SCHOOL DAY

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## MORNING

### Introduction and team activities

Students will participate in a series of warm up activities to enrich their learning. Activities will range from sports challenges to guest lectures delivered by top coaches.

## MID-MORNING

### Skilled based session

Activities and lessons focused on developing key debating skills

## AFTERNOON

### Practice debates and team challenges

Putting the skills developed in earlier sessions into practice through different activities, ranging from team challenges to practice debates. Students will receive detailed feedback from their coaches and set personalised targets.

## LATE AFTERNOON/ EVENING

### Evening recreational activities

Students will get the opportunity to take part in activities; including karaoke night, quizzes, an evening treasure hunt, a talent show, and much more. Prizes will be awarded throughout and overall winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on the final day.





# UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE PROGRAMME

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**Two-day intensive university and college coaching programme developed in conjunction with qualified teachers who have had years of experience securing places for students at Oxbridge, Russell group, and Ivy League universities. This programme features:**

- Workshops that use advanced debating techniques to prepare pupils for their interviews
- Panel discussions and lectures held by our mentors and experts in university applications
- University-style lectures and seminars around specific subject areas
- Personal statement support with one-on-one interview preparation, followed by personalised feedback



## EVENTS

# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMES

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## Bespoke Programmes

In addition to our student training, we offer bespoke programmes and partnerships including:

- Elite coaching to prepare students for national and international tournaments
- Competition and conference running, using our nine years of experience in organising large scale tournaments
- Showcase debates featuring our world-class debaters

## COACHING





## CONSULTING

# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMES

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## Teacher Training and Consulting Programmes

We also provide curriculum consulting to develop communication and oracy in schools, as well as training to empower teachers to use debating in their lessons. Our teacher training programmes have been developed by experienced teachers and communication experts. These programmes provide instruction on:

- Improving key skills such as oracy and communication, critical thinking, teamwork, and confidence.
- Improving the quality of lessons by providing teachers with the tools to use debating and oracy in their lessons.
- How to set up and run successful debating clubs.
- Organising inter-house or inter-school competitions.

## TEACHER TRAINING



# OUR MENTORS

Our Mentors are extensively trained to deliver our resources throughout the programme and have experience working with students for whom English is an additional language. Below is a sample selection of the mentors we employ to deliver our programmes:



**MATTHEW WILMORE**

EUROPEAN CHAMPION DEBATER  
Masters in Human Rights at the University of  
Edinburgh  
Policy Advisor at Interpeace



**LEWIS IWU**

WORLD CHAMPION DEBATER  
Politics, Philosophy and Economics at  
the University of Oxford  
Director of the Fair Education Alliance  
and coach of the English World Schools  
Team



**KITTY PARKER-BROOKES**

WORLD FINALIST DEBATER  
Politics at University of Cambridge  
Top ten speakers in the World



# HERE'S WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

**100%**

Said that their spoken English had improved

**88%**

Said their ability to make a clear and structured argument had improved

**100%**

Enjoyed the GDP programme and competition

**97%**

Said their ability to prepare for a discussion had improved

**100%**

Said the programme increased their confidence, and that they felt inspired by their mentor

**91%**

Felt that their ability to work in a team had improved



*"People ask me, as someone whose dream has always been to do medicine, why I debate. The GDP programme built the confidence required to do well at interviews and also was the basis of a number of questions in my interview; it clearly interests universities! It also facilitated relationships with role models from the best universities and at the top of their respective fields. Moreover, it was a key player in building the skills required to win a scholarship at Eton College and then an offer to study Medicine at Imperial College London."*

**REECE WEAVER**  
**IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON '19**

*"Debating has given me so much confidence and helped me with my English. At first I was really scared. The teachers worked so hard to bring out the best in me and told me that I could do anything. Thank you – I will never forget the last two weeks!"*

**STUDENT, KOREA SUMMER SCHOOL  
NLCS JEJU 2016**

*"Our three-day debating festival led by GDP made a huge impact on our students and staff. We genuinely saw our students grow over the course of those few days and the energy and passion provided by the GDP team will have a lasting impact on our school."*

**PAUL FRIEND, PRINCIPAL,  
DULWICH COLLEGE SHANGHAI**

*"This is a very stimulating and enjoyable learning experience, full of excellent presentation, done with verve and insight. I feel it's going to transform my classroom practice: truly evoke citizenship, health and wellbeing, knowledge and understanding. Thank you."*

**TEACHER**  
**TYNECASTLE HIGH SCHOOL, EDINBURGH**

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