

**Speak Up: The Power of Debating in Schools**  
**School Year 2025-2026**  
**Linopetra Gymnasium**  
**2nd Prize in the Debates Competition – Limassol Region**

Our school proudly participated in the second series of Speak Up: The Power of Debating in Schools. For four months, our students trained in the art of debating and went on to compete in the Limassol District Debate Competition.

The programme was an enriching experience that helped students develop valuable 21st-century skills, including critical thinking, public speaking, collaboration, and effective communication. It also strengthened their rhetorical skills while promoting respect, teamwork, and camaraderie.

Most importantly, the students enjoyed the experience, gained confidence in expressing their ideas, and were rewarded for their hard work with an outstanding achievement: winning second prize in the district competition. We are very proud of their achievement and growth throughout the programme.

