

DEBATE CLUB COMPETITION
School Year 2025 - 2026
C TECHNICAL SCHOOL OF LIMASSOL
Has the overuse of texting led to a decline in communication?

On February 26, the Debate Competition, organized by our school's DEBATE CLUB, was held with great success.

Sixteen students participated in the competition, divided into two opposing teams. The debate was conducted entirely in English, and the topic focused on the extent to which the use of text messaging (*texting/textese*) has contributed positively or negatively to communication between people, both on a personal and a professional level.

During the debate, the two teams presented and rebutted arguments supported by evidence gathered through systematic research conducted over the previous months. The students received warm congratulations for their high level of language proficiency, the depth of their research, as well as the integrity and professionalism they demonstrated throughout the process.

The students' training and preparation, as well as the organization of the event, were overseen by English teacher Ms. Evanthia Nikolaou. The event was honoured by the presence of English Inspector Ms. Elena Paraskeva, the Principal, and members of our school's teaching staff.





Testimonials

What did you learn from taking part in the debate club?

The most difficult part of preparing for the debate was organizing our ideas and coordinating as a team. At first, we struggled to stay organized and bring all our arguments together. However, as the debate event approached and the pressure increased, we started working better together, and in the end, everything finally clicked. **(Zena)**

What I learned from joining the club was that, when you have the right people by your side, you don't care about winning or losing. You are there to improve yourself and learn new skills. **(Ivelina)**

Probably my confidence because before the Debate Club meetings, I was very anxious, but post-debate club, I can confidently say I can speak without mumbling too much. **(Nico)**

How did you feel speaking in front of an audience?

Originally, scared. However, overtime, I found that everyone was under the same pressure so I got over it pretty fast. **(Nico)**

At first, it was a bit nerve-wracking to look at the audience and realise how many people were watching us. However, once the debate started and it was time to speak, the nerves faded and it felt very rewarding to be able to present our arguments and represent our team. **(Zena)**

It felt awesome. I felt like I was giving a performance in a way and to be honest, if I could, I would speak through the whole debate myself. **(Diana)**

What did you learn from taking part in the debate club?

Taking part in the debate club taught me the importance of teamwork. At first, I tried to take the lead and do most of the research myself, which made things more confusing. I realised that working together and trusting my teammates helps organise ideas better and leads to stronger arguments. **(Zena)**

I learned how to take notes, work as a team, and how to talk in front of people with confidence. **(Max)**

I learned how to work in bigger groups, how to keep myself calm and calculated during disagreements and how to express myself better. **(Diana)**

What advice would you give to students who want to join the debate club in the future?

My advice is, if you struggle with anxiety or fear of public speaking, Debate Club is a great start for getting over those worries. It's a perfect environment for connecting with other people, getting comfortable with speaking and you can even make some new friends! (**Polina**)

The advice I would give to students who would like to join is, "Go for it!" It's an amazing experience and it will help you out a lot with the way you speak, take *notes*, study, and also help with any university that requires English in order to get in. (**Max**)

Don't be scared to speak up, the thrill you get is real. Speak loudly and confidently and don't be shy to express yourself better with facial expressions and gestures. Just remember confidence is everything! (**Diana**)