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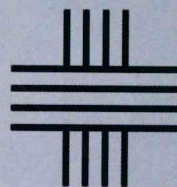


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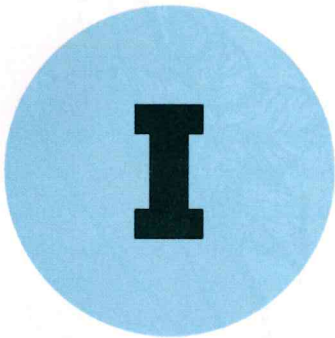




Fun and learning at a debate

An interesting topic can give way to a powerful and healthy discussion. Whether you are 'for' or 'against', you have to prove your point!

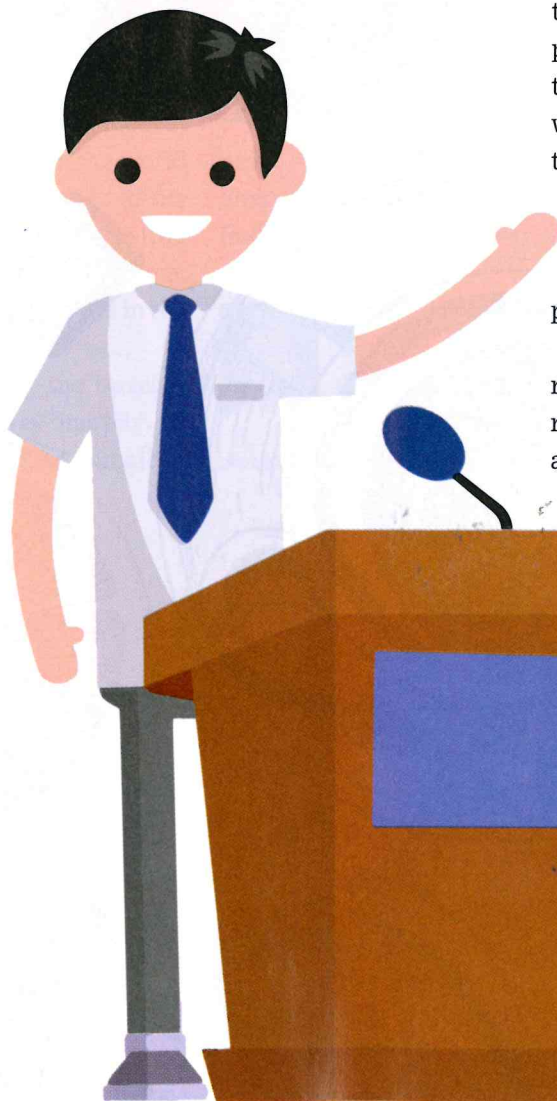
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I recently participated in the annual interschool debate competition at the GEMS Our Own Indian School, Dubai campus.

The preliminary round of the competition was open to students from grades 10 to 12. It was held to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of late Indian leader, Mahatma Gandhi. The topic of the debate was — “You can’t run a business based on honesty.” This statement gave way to an interesting exchange of opinions. I was against the motion, and so, I spoke in favour of running a business with complete honesty. A total of eight schools qualified for the final round that was held at the Indian Consulate in Dubai.

The competition was truly enlightening. Not only was it



organised really well, but students from several esteemed schools took part. What I loved the most about it was that each participant had something new to bring to the table, whether it was hard-hitting facts and statistics or witty responses and remarks. I picked up the various nuances of debating and took back tips on how to improve my orating skills.

It was a very enjoyable experience and I walked out of the room with a smile on my face and wiser than I walked in.