

DEBATE

At St. Mary's Academy, the Debate course is designed to allow students to establish a foundation in the fundamentals of Canadian Parliamentary debating and public speaking. The areas of argumentation, presentation, and refutation are focused on and developed. Debate topics connect to level-appropriate political, social, environmental and economic issues. Students learn about the role of logic, organization, preparation and the presentation of evidence in debate

Debate theory and more importantly, the practice and performance of debating are highlighted in the course. Additionally, different forms of public speaking will be covered. Intermediate and Advanced Debate are elective courses available across the senior years' grades.



"My experiences at St. Mary's Academy helped shaped who I am now: I was encouraged to get involved in the community, try new things and pursue my loves. I was able to explore new skills, like Executive Game and Rugby, and learn skills like Debate and Public Speaking that would become part of my everyday life. I was able to learn more about myself and my passions through the support of faculty supervisors and the many programs they make possible."

– Dr. Christina Fawcett '01

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Debate Club during SMA Welcome event, spring 2023

> British Parliamentary National Debate Tournament at Selwyn House School, Montréal, PQ

From top left clockwise

Jordyn Allison '24

Zelal Emre '24

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Raina Garland '26

