

SMART Kurs

Kanti Baden Debating Society

Many schools and universities in the English-speaking world have one, and soon Kanti Baden will have one, too: a debating society. A debate is a structured contest over an issue with a supporting and an opposing side.

Debating is a fun activity akin to a game in which ideas and policies are examined with the aim of persuading people within an organised structure.

Debating will allow you to hear new ideas and debate the issues of the day. In debates, debaters stand before an audience and hone both their own intellect as well as the audience's, allowing the latter to challenge and interrogate them.

There will be a short introduction on the ins and outs of public speaking (rhetorical figures, useful language, writing and performing speeches, etc.). And then you will be thrown in at the deep end and we will start debating. Depending on the number of participants you will be debating once or twice in the course of the first semester.

Further benefits of debating include:

- Allowing you to think about aspects and perspectives you may not have considered.
- Encouraging you to speak strategically.
- Improving public speaking skills.
- Learning how to create a persuasive argument.

While the Kanti Baden Debating Society will hopefully find its beginning as a SMART course, we hope to make it a fixture at our school. Note that the course will be held in English.

For whom?

The course is open to anyone interested in debating and practising their English.

Organizer

Kantonsschule Baden, Andreas Linggi and Olivier Moreillon

When and where?

Tuesdays, 17.10–18.10 on 12 dates (TBA), in room 6205, starting on 24 August.

Sign-up

Registration via email to andreas.linggi@kanti-baden.ch or olivier.moreillon@kanti-baden.ch. The number of places in the course is limited and registrations will be processed in order of reception. Deadline for applications: 2 July 2021.