

During the second tournament that we participated in this year, the Deree Invitational Debate Tournament, we were given the opportunity to watch the semi-finals. The debaters were skilled and experienced, the topic was really interesting and it resulted in a very fruitful debate. While watching it taking place, apart from the obvious admiration, I felt extremely intrigued, thrilled and generally happy- happier than I had been in a while. I experienced the exact, same feeling moments before I gave my first Oratory speech at PFA Tournament, because I realized how and why it is important to make your voice heard. To make others listen to you express your opinion.

Debate is not easy. It needs a lot of practice in order to master the art and become good at it. Yet, as far as I am concerned, the most important thing is to fully engage in complicated topics, to explain them to the audience, to compete with other students, while cherishing every moment of it. When you are debating, giving a speech or doing anything forensics-related, it might make you feel stressed or intimidated. Yet, when it's over, you will realize that it broadened your horizons a little, it inspired you, enhanced your knowledge, helped you improve and more importantly, it made you feel something more! Our world definitely needs more of Forensics! If anyone doubts this, they should give it a chance and trust me, it will exceed their expectations. And after all, they may discover a part of themselves that they may never thought it existed. An experience that makes one grow as a person.

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