

# DEBATING

## PURPOSE - > TO PERSUADE

- 2 TEAMS: the **proposing** team and the **opposing** team. Three or four speakers per team.
- 1 **MOTION** (TOPIC) (always in statement form)
- 2 TEAMS : FOR or AGAINST THE MOTION

AGREE OR DISAGREE with the motion

**I propose the motion "..."**

**I oppose the motion "..."**

Style: can be formal ("Madame Chairman, fellow students, members of the public...") or less formal.

## **ELEMENTS:**

- STATE YOUR POSITION: "I propose the motion that "..."
- USE EXAMPLES, CONTEXTS, SITUATIONS, COMPARISONS
- EXAGGERATE (drama)
- CITE DATA/FACTS
- USE RHETORICAL QUESTIONS
- HUMOUR, IRONY, SARCASM...

+ A SENSE OF URGENCY !!!

## **IMPORTANT:**

A STRONG OPENING AND A STRONG CLOSING.