

Dress for success

Debate isn't all suits, briefcases and ties. While we suggest that you dress your best for tournaments it is not necessary. Debate is an activity for everyone no matter their socio-economic standing and just because you don't own a suit does not mean that you cannot debate. Here are a few guidelines for dressing for debate:

- 1) You cannot wear anything that shows what school you're from. No logos or school name on your outfit or anything you are carrying.
- 2) Nothing offensive. Just because you like it does not mean that everyone else will. This also takes into account styles. What would you wear to supper with your grandparents? Try not to wear anything too flashy, you're not going to a party! Remember, we have people from all different walks of life and faiths in debate and be respectful to that. Respect yourself, respect your opponents, respect your judges and respect your hosts.

- 3) Wear what you're comfortable in - dress who you are. If you are completely uncomfortable, you are not going to debate as well as if you're comfortable.



- 4) Dress smart. Maybe you and your partner want to co-ordinate colours and styles. If all you have is a t-shirt, bunnyhug, jeans and runners, just make sure they are clean and not torn. Properly cared for clothes make you look the part of a debater, even if it is not a suit.