

GRADUATE SCHOOL



This year the Graduate School has built upon the strong foundations left by its previous co-ordinator (George Benson) with some outstanding results!

The programme has been attended by 69 unique students from target schools, a near-record for the Graduate School. Even more impressive is the fact that the vast majority of the 2019-20 cohort are under the age of 16, a testament to the accessibility of the programme, and a sure sign of the growth and development of the programme in the future.

In Manchester, we were able to send students to the prestigious Manchester Schools Competition, where a number of our teams almost progressed to the Grand Finals, despite having been on the programme for less than 18 months!

In London, we ran our annual Debate Mate Schools Competition, bringing together our graduate school students and schools from across London in a full day of British Parliamentary debates.

Furthermore, one of our Graduate School students was selected as one of the top 10 debaters in the country for the National Development Squad, while we have seen Debate Mate teams progress to the Finals Day of both Oxford and Cambridge Schools for the 3rd consecutive year. Finally, Debate Mate won the King's College, London Schools Debating Competition last month for the very first time! We are incredibly proud of the progress being made by all of our students, and look forward to the successes and development to come.

