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# The Schools Debates Competition 2025



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**Kate Mentink**

Coordinator for The Schools Debates Competition

“After all 10 schools participating in the Competition had each taken part in 2 preliminary Debates, the BIG DAY arrived on Tuesday 16 December. Pupils and teachers were collected from their respective schools early in the morning, all to arrive at PALMA PICTURES. The huge multi-purpose production stu-

dio, full of high tech equipment, 4,500 m2, and a height of some 10 meters is seriously impressive. Lighting and sound systems prepared for us, the scene was set for the 2 Final debates to take place.

Volunteers started arriving just after 8.00 in the morning, with a constant stream of students, teachers, sponsors and guests steadily filling the studio.

At 10.00 exactly, the audience of over 180 fell silence, for the Introduction by the Debates Coordina-

tor Kate Mentink, followed by a warm and lively welcome by the Managing Director of Palma Pictures and host for the morning, Paul Abrey. The first Debate between **Mallorca International** and **San Cayetano** was a truly classic debate with excellent exchanges and well prepared presentations.

The Motion: **“In the 21st century, the concept of Constitutional Monarchy is no longer relevant”**.



The Debate for 3rd and 4th place in the Competition was won by **Mallorca International**.

During a much needed break from the tension of such high quality debating, everyone enjoyed the huge buffet sponsored by Ticket Travel Agency.

The main Debate which was between **Queens** and **King Richard III**, saw a truly powerful debate with both teams showing real skill, commitment and passion. Prepared with documents, pictures and statistics, there was little to choose between the two teams.

Jury leader, Paul Abrey, confirmed in his summary that the jury found it no easy challenge to study the results in detail, and decide on the winner.

## International School participants:

**The Academy International School**  
**Agora Portals International School**  
**Bellver International School**  
**Baleares International College**  
**Green Valley International School**  
**King Richard III College**  
**Mallorca International School**  
**The Montessori School of Mallorca**  
**Queen's College**  
**Colegio San Cayetano**

The Motion: **“In our contemporary society, Art has lost its social, economic and political influence”**

This debate for 1st and 2nd place saw **Queens declared the Winner of the Schools Debates Competition 2025**.

There followed a really enjoyable prize-giving with trophies presented to all 4 teams as well as the much prized trophy for Overall Best Debater of the Season:

DAISY NIENABER presented by previous Best Debater Ennio Campoli together with Kate Mentink.

Other prizes were offered by Antonio Grao, Director of Corte Ingles, Fabian Kainz, Club Manager of MCC, Izzy Newman of Wave Radio.

Paul Abrey and Kate Mentink closed the event, while the cameras clicked, and eve-

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ryone agreed that it was a really excellent event, with top class debating.

We are all already looking forward to September 2026 and the start of Season 12.

**The Debates team would like to offer huge and heartfelt thanks:**

- To all the schools who continue to offer us such enthusiasm and encouragement
- To all our sponsors who continue to support us year on year.
- And of course to all our team of 18 wonderful volunteers. What would we do without you!

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Winners Queen College with Antonio Grao, Director of Corte Ingles and Managing Editor Jason Moore from Mallorca Bulletin. PHOTO: JOAN LLADO



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**1ST PLACE WINNER**



**QUEENS COLLEGE**

Team:  
1. Alexandra Clarke  
2. Arina Potseluiiko  
3. Sam Long



**2ND PLACE WINNER**



**KING RICHARD III**

Team:  
1. Daisy Kemp  
2. Marek Koteja  
3. George Madeley



**3RD PLACE WINNER**



**MALLORCA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

Team:  
1. Lea Werner  
2. Daisy Nienaber  
3. Gaia Gourdin



**4TH PLACE WINNER**



**SAN CAYETANO**

Team:  
1. Jiayun Yang,  
2. Mar Elisa Husa  
3. Daniela Tuduri



**THE SCHOOL DEBATES  
COMPETITION 2025**

**THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER**

Bellver (H) v Montessori (A)

The Motion for the Debate is:

**"Lowering the voting age to 16 years old is beneficial for Democracy"**

**Winning School: MONTESSORI**

**Best Debater: JACO CERASI**

**MONDAY 20 OCTOBER**

BIC (H) v San Cayetano (A)

The Motion for the Debate is:

**"Freedom of Speech should allow open expression of opinion on social media without censorship"**

**Winning School: SAN CAYETANO**

**Best Debater: DANIELA TUDURI**

**TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER**

Queens (H) v Green Valley (A)

The Motion for the Debate is:

**"AI tools like Chat GPT seriously limit critical thinking"**

**Winning School: QUEENS**

**Best Debater: ALEXANDRA CLARKE**

**THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER**

MIS (H) v Academy (A)

The Motion for the Debate is:

**"To maintain Mallorca's successful Tourism model demands the correct professional management of all its infrastructures"**

**Winning School: MIS**

**Best Debater: DAISY NIENABER**

**TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER**

Agora (H) v King Richard III (A)

The Motion for the Debate is:

**"A higher birthrate is the only guarantee to save Western Democracy"**

**Winning School: KING RICHARD III**

**Best Debater: GEORGE MADELEY**

**THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER**

San Cayetano (H) v Bellver (A)

The Motion for the Debate is:

**"Our emotional scars make us strong"**

**Winning School: SAN CAYETANO**

**Best Debater: DANIELA TUDURI**

**TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

Montessori (H) v Queens (A)

The Motion for the Debate is:

**"International sports federations are not taking strong and effective action against harmful online bullying"**

**Winning School: QUEENS COLLEGE**

**Best Debater: SAM LONG**

**TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER**

King Richard III (H) v MIS (A)

The Motion for the Debate is:

**"The Constitution of the EU is creating a melting pot of cultures"**

**Winning School: KING RICHARD III**

**Best Debater: DAISY NIENABER**

**THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER**

Green VALLEY (H) v Agora (A)

The Motion for the Debate is:

**"Spain's drug Addiction Action Plan is not effective"**

**Winning School: GREEN VALLEY**

**Best Debater: MOLLY VINEY**

**FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER**

Academy (H) v BIC (A)

The Motion for the Debate is:

**"As Europe prepares for war, environmental projects will lose government support"**

**Winning School: ACADEMY**

**Best Debater: INDIGO WHISKER**



**OTHER WINNERS**

**Best debater for the 1st and 2nd Place was:**

Alexandra Clarke

**Best debater for the 3rd and 4th place was:**

Gaia Gourdin

**Overall Best Debater for the whole competition was:**

Daisy Nienaber



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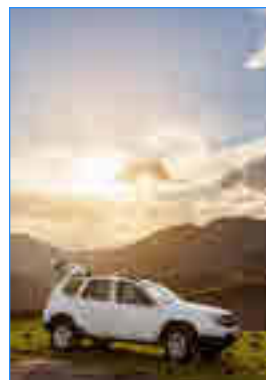
"We are very happy to host the Schools Debates Competition finals once again this year and to support this fantastic initiative. It is always inspiring to see the enthusiasm and talent of the students and schools involved."

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## Agora Portals International School Launches Talent Hub to Nurture Global Minds

Agora Portals International School is a private, multilingual, and international school that offers an education going beyond the academic curriculum. Our programme is built on five pillars designed to help students discover and develop their talents: the International Baccalaureate, multilingualism—with English and Spanish as the main languages and German, Catalan, Chinese, and French as additional languages—; a STEAM approach with a focus on music, visual and performing arts, and technology; sport and health; and the ability to shape the world.

**Our motto, *Shaping the World*, reflects the principles guiding our work.**

Our motto, *Shaping the World*, reflects the principles guiding our work: academic excellence, the development of skills and competencies, the cultivation of values and character, and a genuine global perspective.

In line with this vision, and as a leading International Baccalaureate school, we have launched the Agora Talent Hub, an innovative space designed to identify and nurture each student's individual talent during the pre-university stage, providing guidance and opportunities for personal and academic growth.

We are part of Globeducate, one of the five largest educational groups in the world, with over 61 schools in 12 countries across four continents.

This global network allows us to combine academic excellence with personalised learning, offering students real-world experiences such as debates, international meetings, and projects within a global context.



## Bellver Debate Club: Building Confident Communicators for Life

Debate Club in Bellver is a place where students can practice critical thinking skills and becoming confident communicators not just for the Schools Debate Competition but also for later in life. At the start of the year our lunch time sessions are used to prepare for competition where the help from our older students is invaluable. The community at

Bellver enables the younger students to learn from the experience and advice from those who have competed before. It very much is a student-led club where members will get out of debate what they put in and have an opportunity to reflect on

**Students use debate club to become confident speakers.**

themselves in the world of public speaking.

Our team this year has used the competitions as a valuable learning experience as it was their

first year debating! Even looking back comparing their first debate to the second they were in awe of the progress they had already made and are eager to get competing again next year.

Once the competition term is over, students use debate club to become confident speakers, practicing skills such as: body language, voice intonation, and challenging each other's assumptions.

Outside of debate club, members have used the skills gained to take part in EYP sessions which has opened the world of debate to them in locations across Europe, and this year we are proud to have two of our students organising the regional session for the Balearic Islands.



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In San Cayetano school, both Spanish and English-speaking students in their 1st year of Bachillerato have had the chance to participate in the Interschool English debate league over the last few years and it has been a tremendous experience for everyone involved. We are extremely proud of our Spanish students as it is an extra challenge for them in a second language and a fantastic opportunity to improve their English as well as their presentation skills.

**But, how does participation in formal debates help our students?**

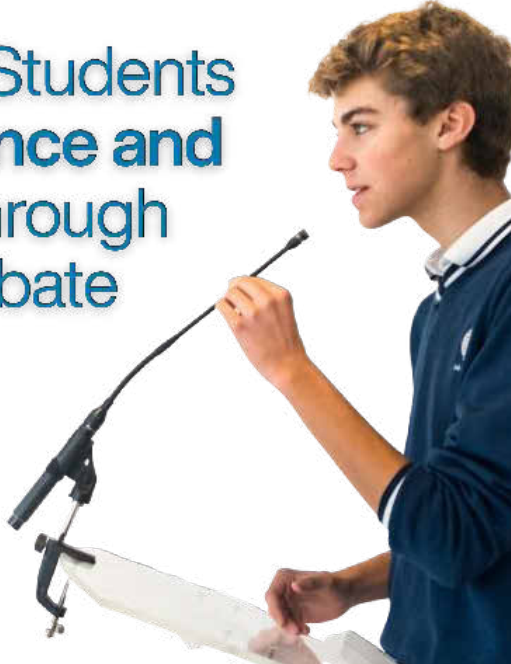
It provides a well-rounded activity where students are able to hone essen-

tial skills for life. It can enhance critical thinking skills and allow students to learn how to research information and synthesize it into a coherent and organized argument. During the actual debating, they must be able to communicate effectively, perfecting the art of public speaking and body language, but also develop the skills necessary to actively listen, sometimes an overlooked life skill.

San Cayetano school has always held this activity in high regard because it is so complete, we also offer an extra-curricular Debate club that prepares students for Spanish debating and oratory skills as well as participating in the MEP (The Model European Parliament) and other similar competitions.

## San Cayetano Students Build Confidence and Life Skills Through English Debate

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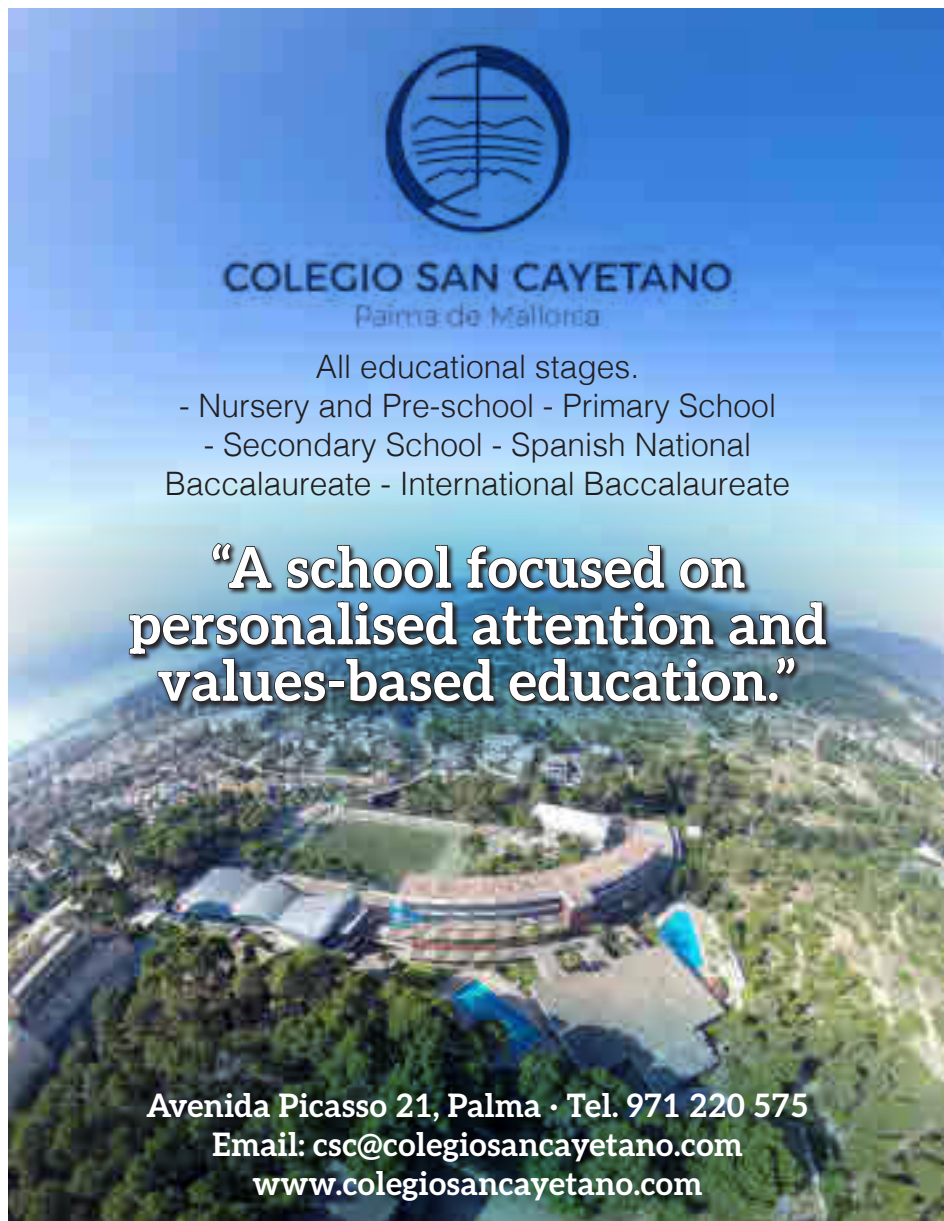


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At Green Valley School (GVS), we embrace the theory of multiple intelligences as an integral part of school life. We design our activities and classes in a way that we can discover where each student's talents reside, whether it's in math, sports, literature, music, theatre, art, science and more. For more information please look at [www.greenvalleyschool.es](http://www.greenvalleyschool.es)



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Our fourth debate season has been, as always, a very stimulating and rewarding experience. The 2025 team consists of our veteran debater **Molly Viney** and three new talents: **Koki Shimamura**, **Henry Dahlstedt** and **Aral Castro**, all from Year 11.

Participation in the debates is an excellent learning experience where students learn to do research, select relevant evidence to write the arguments in favour and against, as well as think of possible questions to challenge the opposing team. Students apply their critical thinking and creativity, in addition to learning the art of persuasive argumentation and addressing an audience.

Perhaps even more importantly, it is also an invaluable opportunity to acquire core values such as responsibility, respect and integrity, and our team has shown they are a credit to the school. At Green Valley School we are very proud of the debate

team's dedication, resourcefulness, team spirit, respect, and unwavering enthusiasm, which reflect the values our school wants to help young people to incorporate into their lives.

Congratulations to our debaters and a huge thank you to all the organisers and sponsors who, year after year, make it

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possible for young people to participate in this exciting and enriching event.

## Green Valley School: Another Successful Debate Season





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bridge exam centre. We love bringing the Joy of Learning to all our students!

Now we are ready to share this joy of learning with learners of all ages around the island as we look forward to launch-

ing The Learning Academy in January 2026. The Learning Academy will have many strands, such as:

- The Language Academy, offering language acquisition and proficiency courses.
- Saturdays at The Academy, from 9:30 – 12:30 for children aged 4 to 12, with immersive English language learning through art, sports, cooking, dance, drama, treasure hunts, science experiments and many fun activities.

This exciting new venture will provide an opportunity for learners from across the island to access high quality teaching at a well-recognised centre of excellence. Contact [learning@theacademyschool.com](mailto:learning@theacademyschool.com) or [Saturdays@theacademyschool.com](mailto:Saturdays@theacademyschool.com) to find out more and arrange a visit to our lovely schools.



Queen's College continues to stand out as a leading centre, celebrating exceptional academic achievements in 2025. This year, 44% of A Level grades were awarded A\* to A, significantly above the UK average of 27.6%. At GCSE level, 63% of grades were 9 to 7 (equivalent to A to A\*), while the school's first cohort of IB Diploma students achieved scores ranging from 28 to 40.

These results reflect the strength of the schools' dual Sixth Form pathway, unique to the island, offering both International A Levels and the IB Diploma. Queen's offers an extremely low staff to student ratio of 1:6 which allows more individual academic guidance, contributing to students reaching their full potential. Graduates from the Class of 2025 are now studying at leading institutions including the University of British Columbia, Trinity College Dublin, St. Andrews and Bocconi.

The newly-refurbished Sixth Form building now enriches the student experience. Its distinctive charm and inspiring atmosphere, provides a truly impressive educational setting.

Queen's is committed to encouraging students to further develop a wide range of personal and academic skills as they prepare themselves for an ever-evolving global landscape.

## Queen's College, a tradition of excellence and evolution



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### HIGHLIGHTS: UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

#### 2025



**Neuroscience**  
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**International Relations**  
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**Theoretical Physics**  
Top 100 in the world

#### 2024



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#### 2023



**Mathematics & Philosophy**  
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# King Richard III College Shines in First-Ever Schools Debate Competition

**K**ing Richard III College is delighted to be taking part in the Schools Debate Competition for the first time this year. The year 10 debating group has been busy training to participate in the competition since September, dividing into two teams to hone their skills and develop their strategies in weekly debate simulations.

They have enjoyed getting stuck into the challenge of researching their assigned motions and preparing arguments for and against. In their first debate, they argued against the motion: "A higher birth rate is the only way to guarantee western democracy." In the second debate, they argued in support of the motion, "The EU constitution is creating a melting pot of culture."

Our debating team, consisting of **Daisy Kemp, Marek Koteja, George Madeley** and **Lilly Butcher**, were thrilled to win both debates and they're now preparing for the final!

King Richard III College has a long history of debating, both in the Key Stage 3 Debate Club and in the 6th form Model United Nations (MUN) enrichment programme. Every year in January, the team travels to Wycombe Abbey School in Eng-

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land to participate in the conference with students from all over the UK.

Debating provides the opportunity to develop so many important skills such as public speaking, speech-writing, rhetoric, strategy, time management and teamwork.

Our team says, "Performing under pressure, with strict time limits in front of students from other international schools on the island, is what makes this competition so exciting!"



**KING RICHARD III COLLEGE**

King Richard III College is a privately owned, independent British international school located in Portals Nous, Calvià on the south-west coast of Mallorca. Situated in a quiet residential area by the sea, King Richard III College provides a safe and welcoming learning environment to children from the age of 2 to 18.

The school offers the EYFS curriculum and the English National Curriculum from Year 1 through to IGCSEs and A Levels using the Cambridge and Pearson Edexcel exam boards. King Richard III College is a member of NABSS and authorised by the Spanish ministry of education to offer a parallel Spanish programme, leading to the con-validation of ESO at the end of Year 11 and Título de Bachiller at the end of Year 13.

In the 6th Form, students choose from a range of 18 A Level courses including art, music, economics, PE and psychology. In addition to the three sciences, we also offer marine science which is particularly relevant, given our proximity to the sea and many families' connections with the marine industry.

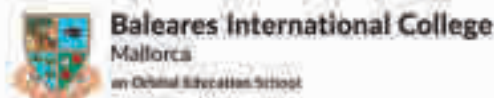
Our teachers encourage all students to aim high, and our results allow our students to graduate from KR3 to take up places at top

universities in Europe, the UK and further afield. In 2024, a quarter of our Year 13 students earned the prestigious Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards for their A Level exam results.

Woven into the ethos of KR3 are the values of empathy and kindness. Through the student council, children are given the opportunity to organise and participate in community events to raise money for charity. In the last two years, our student council has raised over 24,000€ through their events, all of which is donated to the focus charity for each particular year.

KR3 is a small school and intends to remain so. Parents tell us that they particularly value the small class sizes and how well the teachers know and understand their children.

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## BIC Schools Achieve Prestigious British Schools Overseas Accreditation

**W**e are so proud that our two schools, BIC Sa Porrassa and BIC Sant Agustí, have been formally accredited as British Schools Overseas (BSO) following a rigorous inspection carried out in early October.

The accreditation, awarded by the UK's Department for Education, confirms that BIC meets all British Schools Overseas standards and the report highlighted that leadership "exceeds requirements in most areas".

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It commended the school's strategic leadership, strong safeguarding culture, high expectations of behaviour, excellent teaching, and the consistent progress made by pupils of all ages. Inspectors praised the school's values - kindness, responsibility, excellence, integrity and compassion - as clearly embedded across both schools.

Sa Porrassa, which educates pupils aged 5 to 18, received particular praise for its ambitious curriculum, strengthened sixth-form provision, and excellent academic outcomes. Inspectors also highlighted the recently enhanced sports facilities and library.

Sant Agustí, for children aged 2 to 11, was praised for its high-quality Early Years provision, calm and positive environment, strong pastoral care, and well-structured curriculum that fully supports young learners' development.

BSO is the only accreditation officially recognised by the British government, granted only to international British schools that meet strict UK educational standards. It provides assurance to families that the school delivers a genuine, high-quality British education.





