

CHAPTER 15

Onwards...

In this chapter we'll learn about how you can take debating forwards as either a teacher or a student.

Having read this far, you now know a great deal about debating. Time to put it into action!

This chapter has suggestions about how to establish and sustain a debating culture in your school, and also how to grow and develop as an individual debater. It's divided into two sections, one for teachers and one for students, though each is welcome to read the other's section.

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For Teachers

How to set up and run a debating club

So, you want to set up a debating club in your school.

Easy.

If you want to set up a cricket club, you need:

- A large open space of land
- Ground staff to look after it and to cultivate and roll the pitch in the middle
- Cricket kit
- Bats
- Pads
- Helmets
- Balls
- Good weather
- If possible, a pavilion and a scoreboard

If you want to set up a rowing club you need:

- A boat
- A boathouse to keep it in
- A river or other large open stretch of water

If you want to stage a musical you need:

- A theatre
- An orchestra
- Costumes
- Props
- Make up
- Someone to design, print and distribute the posters
- Someone to sell the tickets
- Refreshments for the interval

If you want to set up a debating club you need:

- A classroom, containing chairs and tables
- Paper
- Pencils

See what I mean?

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