Inter-house Debate Competition:
Fostering Critical Thinking and Oratory Skills

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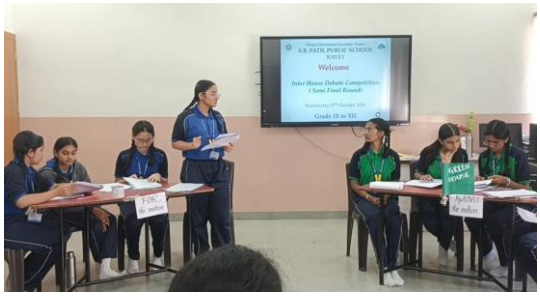
In collaboration with the SST Department, the English Department's CCA team organised the much-awaited Inter-House Debate Competition for students of Grades IX to XII on 23 October in the school auditorium. The event was graced by the vice principal and faculty members, with Ms. Sayalee Deshmukh and Ms. Pravina More graciously serving as judges and evaluating the participants using established rubrics.

The semi-final round, held on 7th October, 2026, featured all four houses debating the thought-provoking topic, "*Social Media Ban for Under-16s: Is It Going to Help Indian Society?*" The participants presented their arguments with confidence, supported by logical reasoning and relevant examples. Based on their scores, Red House and Yellow House advanced to the finals.

The final round saw the two houses debate "*AI and Automation: Will AI and Robots Take Away More Jobs Than They Create?*" The participants explored the opportunities and challenges posed by emerging technologies, presenting compelling arguments on employment, technological advancement, and the future of work. Students of Grade IX also witnessed the stimulating exchange of ideas.



The competition offered students a valuable platform to develop their public-speaking and critical-thinking skills while fostering research, teamwork, logical reasoning, and respectful disagreement. It encouraged them to engage with contemporary issues and express their perspectives with clarity and confidence.

The event concluded on an inspiring note, celebrating intellectual curiosity, effective communication, and healthy competition. The efforts of the organisers, judges, and participants made the competition a meaningful and enriching learning experience.