

C Grade Round 3

Advised topic: Environment and Sustainability

Advised topics work in the same way as secret topics, with the only advantage being that it is possible, and indeed desirable, to do some research and to think about potential topics.

Remember that the team could be asked to argue for or against something depending on the wording of the topic.

For example, for the subject of 'Science and Health', topics included:

- That we should fund anti-fast food advertisements
- That all medications should be free
- That researching human-animal hybrids (e.g. xenograft, mermaid) should be banned.
- That purchasing tobacco products should be restricted to those born before 2008
- That we should prioritise saving the Earth over space exploration
- That modern technology is harmful for our health
- That no one should be allowed to work or study for more than 6 hours per day
- That schools should provide free bicycles to students

As you can see, there is a great deal of flexibility as to how the topic might be worded and thus in the issues that will arise. A good starting point for any advised subject preparation is to brainstorm some possible topics and to work out how you might deal with them.

Thinking about possible definitions is also a good idea. Of course, the wording of the topic might be completely unexpected, so it is important to remain flexible and not to go into the preparation room with rigid ideas about the topic and issues.

Always bear in mind that the reason for having advised subject debates is that they allow debaters to familiarise themselves with the facts: in the preparation room, they merely develop the specific arguments.