| **Student Name:** Alison Xu |
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| **Topic:** That "soft skills" like communication and teamwork are more important for future jobs than academic knowledge |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| **What was the BEST thing about my speech?**  **(KEEP THIS UP!)** | [NOTE: Speeches are aimed at 4 minutes.]  Excellent use of vocal intonation and authority today, you sounded very persuasive!  Well done with both the hook and signposting.  Good rebuttal that the lack of hard skills means you won’t have a lot of knowledge to communicate about in the workplace.  Strong argument that most jobs are reliant on having hard skills, such as being a surgeon.   * We can expand the impact of this point to explain the harms that would befall patients if their doctors are less qualified.   Interesting point that soft skills could also be used as a force for evil because the products may not be that good. |
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| **What part of my speech needs IMPROVEMENT?**  **(WORK ON THIS!)** | We can make a greater effort at maintaining eye contact with the audience.  While it’s true that you need knowledge to speak well, maintaining friendships in the workplace would not require hard skills.  We should rebut Chloe’s point on soft skills being particularly important for occupations that require socialisation, e.g. salesperson.  We should bear in mind that this motion is about the benefits to the workers themselves, so our point on benefitting consumers may seem less relevant in the debate.  Speaking time 4:11 – Well done! Keep it up! |

| **Student Name:** Chloe Xu |
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| **What was the BEST thing about my speech?**  **(KEEP THIS UP!)** | [NOTE: Speeches are aimed at 4 minutes.]  Good start with the hook, it would be even better if we answered the question we posed to the audience.  Well done with the use of illustrations on how soft skills are necessary for specific tasks, such as selling your products and services.   * Good reasoning about impressing your employer with the soft skills. * Good impact as well on getting more opportunities in the workplace.   Good job explaining why you will be able to socialise more in the workplace!   * We did a good job reasoning why this will help with reasoning and making a good impression.   I appreciate the effort at increasing eye contact today, keep it up! |
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| **What part of my speech needs IMPROVEMENT?**  **(WORK ON THIS!)** | We should have signposting at the top of the speech and preview the labels of our arguments.  We can expand the importance of the impact of receiving more opportunities! Why is this so crucial?  The reasoning on the benefits of having famous friends is very limited to the scenario of having a famous friend. We can try to explore more general circumstances so the benefits are more applicable!  Speaking time: 3:28 – So close! If we spoke slower, we can reach 4 mins! |