| **Student:** Amanda Chu |
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| **Topic:** That extracurricular activities (like art class, debate class, etc.) are as important as studies. |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| **What was the BEST thing about my speech?** | * Great job previewing your speech! It was very clear. * Great work for speaking to 3:20 today! | |
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| **What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?** | * Try not to start your speech by saying “Uhm” or with a summary! Start up with an emotional or cool hook/opening line to draw the judge into the speech. * Try to make sure that your hand gestures are diverse - Don’t repeat the same movement throughout your speech! * You should also clarify the importance of extracurricular activities in relation to usual studies. Starting with your conclusion and then working your way to it can help make your argument more effective! * What are the key benefits that you can get from doing extracurricular activities! | |

| **Student:** Summer Lee |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| **What was the BEST thing about my speech?** | * I think that you are clear in the way that you spoke today - great work! * Good job being reasonable with the types of responses a teacher would have! | |
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| **What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?** | * Please start your speech with a hook! * Use more hand gestures during your speech! * You should spend more time discussing why extracurricular activities (ECAs) are beneficial rather than just addressing why they aren’t so bad. Focusing on the positive impacts of ECAs—such as skill development, stress relief, and social connections—will provide a stronger argument and highlight their importance in relation to studies. * You should avoid relying on diagrams in your speech. Instead, focus on articulating your points clearly and engagingly. This will help maintain the audience's attention and ensure your message is effectively communicated without visual aids. * You should discuss the lessons learned in extracurricular activities (ECAs) and emphasize why these lessons are valuable. Highlighting skills like teamwork, time management, leadership, and resilience will strengthen your argument about the benefits of ECAs. | |

| **Student:** Alfred Wong |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| **What was the BEST thing about my speech?** | * Strong opening line! It was a great start to the speech * Great job for responding and rebutting the speaker before you! | |
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| **What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?** | * The structure of your speech is quite unclear! Try to make sure you have a preview of your speech before you get into your arguments. This is to make sure that * Try not to be too dramatic during your speech, as it distracts the judge from the most important part of your speeches! * You should be mindful of speaking too quickly; this can make it difficult for the audience to follow your arguments. * You should provide explanations and evidence to support your claims, as this will strengthen your arguments and help the audience understand why what you’re saying is true. * You should work on your body language; swaying while speaking can be distracting. Standing still or using purposeful movements can enhance your presence and engagement with the audience | |

| **Student:** Emma Yung |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| **What was the BEST thing about my speech?** | * I liked the energy in your speech today! * You were very clear and easy to follow today, great work! * Great job with maintaining good eye contact today! | |
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| **What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?** | * You should explain how extracurricular activities help in terms of managing stress and developing skills. This will provide context for their importance alongside usual studies. * You should use hand gestures to emphasise your points and make your presentation more engaging. * You should work on maintaining a consistent vocal tone throughout your presentation. It's important to avoid getting softer as you speak, as this can make it harder for the audience to hear and engage with your message. * You should stay focused on the main topic of your presentation, which is the importance of extracurricular activities compared to studies. Repeatedly mentioning getting tutors can distract from your main argument. Make sure to connect your points back to the topic to keep your message clear and relevant. | |

| **Student:** Henry Leung |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| **What was the BEST thing about my speech?** | * You were loud and clear today - I really appreciated that! * Great work maintaining eye contact today! | |
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| **What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?** | * Don’t hold your paper as you're speaking! Speak from your heart. * You should emphasise the importance of fun in the context of studies. Highlighting how enjoyable activities can make students happier to study will strengthen your argument. When learning is fun, it can boost motivation, improve retention, and reduce stress, making it easier for students to engage with their studies. * You should stay focused on the main topic of your presentation. At times, you mentioned how art class can be messy, which isn't directly connected to the importance of extracurricular activities compared to studies. * The point of the arguments made aren’t very clear - Please do follow the Claim - Reasoning - Example model! Be sure to verbalise these things out next time. * More hand gestures please! | |

| **Student:** Hasun Kang |
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| **Topic:** That we would fine parents for feeding or letting children have junk food |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| **What was the BEST thing about my speech?** | Hook - Nice job starting your speech by diving right into what your position is on the topic.  Claim - Good choice of a claim that x, it is a persuasive argument  Reasoning   * We did a good job explaining x * I enjoyed your examples and illustrations in showcasing x. * Nice effort in considering multiple perspectives in your arguments!   Presentation   * You spoke clearly today and it’s easy to understand the point you are making, well done! * Your intonation and   Conclusion  Good job speaking until x minutes! | |
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| **What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?** | Hook - Our speech would be even better if we have an attention-grabbing opening to our speech!  Signpost - Try to label your arguments in your next speech. We should preview what we will be presenting before we present it!  Reasoning - Try to come up with several reasons as to why x.   * I understand that x could be important, but why is it the most important thing in this debate? * I understand that x could be true, but could you explain why it is likely to be true?   Presentation -   * We can try to maintain eye contact when we’re presenting! Try to present your points instead of reading your speech. * We can speak a little bit louder so we can sound more confident!   Try to consider the other side's perspective, such as x, in order to have a more persuasive reasoning! | |

| **Student:** Quentin Lee |
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**My Teacher’s Observations and Feedback**

| **What was the BEST thing about my speech?** | * You were clear enough to flow along with! | |
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| **What part of my speech NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?** | * You should start your speech with a strong hook to grab the audience's attention. An engaging opening can set the tone for your presentation and encourage listeners to stay focused on your message. * Please try to make eye contact and use hand gestures! * The debate isn’t about whether ECA’s are bad - it’s about whether ECA’s are as important as studies! * Try to speak for longer next week. | |