# Second Negative Speaker

# **Template & Suggested Opening Lines**

*NOTE: You don’t have to use ALL of these, they are suggestions only.*

**Rebuttal**

**NOTE: While you don’t know in advance which two points you will be rebutting, your team should have prepared a comprehensive list of possible arguments the other side will make and what you could say in response. You need to submit this along with your script.**

Refute the two points made by the speaker before you (the second affirmative speaker). State their point, explain why it’s wrong, say why your idea is better.

* *The second speaker for the affirmative team/the proposition/the opposing team put forward an argument that....*
* *This is incorrect because…. This is irrelevant because…*
* *Whilst our team does not doubt…. we would argue that*
* *Our position is that… this is clearly….*

**Arguments**

Give two more main points for your argument. Use PEEL method – point, evidence, elaborate, link

* *My first point today is… Firstly… The first point I’d like to share with you….*
  + *Recent research showed… Statistically… An example of this is…*
  + *This proves…. From this it’s clear…*
  + *Which leads on to my next point…*
* *Secondly… Another key point to consider…. Now to my second point…..* 
  + *An example of this is… research has shown…. Statistics are clear…*
  + *From this it can be clearly seen…. This example serves as undeniable proof because…*
  + *These two points both support our team’s position on [topic]….*