# Third 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 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.**

The third negative speaker should rebut the final two points made by the speaker who spoke just before you (the third affirmative speaker). You may also rebut or counter any of the other team’s previous rebuttals, or their whole argument generally.

* *The [first/second/third] speaker for the affirmative/opposing team/proposition 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….*
* *The opposing team argued against our point that…. by saying…. but this is incorrect because… but this is simply distracting from the main issue, since….*

**Summary & Conclusion**

Sum up arguments from both sides & explain why your side’s arguments have made the most sense. Try not to be repetitive – don’t just repeat exactly what your team has already said, find another way to say it or give some different examples. Don’t bring up any new points.

This is your chance to have the final say for the topic. Make sure you use high modality, lots of pathos and emotive language, along with plenty of other rhetorical devices to sway the audience.

* *After hearing both side’s arguments today, you can be left in no doubt that…*
* *As our first speaker stated…*
* *Our second speaker demonstrated that…*
* *I think you’ll agree that our team’s arguments have certainly been the most convincing, because…*