

The EANS Summer School Debate 2019

The 2nd year EANS students will lead the EANS debate taking place during the EANS Summer Conference. A member of EANS faculty will chair the debate.

The debate running order is detailed in full below.

- Chairperson introduces the debate (about 2-4 min.)
- Voting for and against the motion (about 2-4 min.)
- Year 2: Team speaker 1 for the motion (about 5 min.)
- Year 2: Team speaker 1 against the motion (about 5 min.)
- Year 2: Team speaker 2 for the motion (about 5 min.)
- Year 2: Team speaker 2 against the motion (about 5 min.)
- Contributions from audience and from 1st and 3rd year groups (about 5 min.)
- Year 2: Team speaker 3 for the motion rounding up (about 5 min.)
- Year 2: Team speaker 3 against the motion rounding up (about 5 min.)
- New voting for and against the motion (about 2-4 min.)
- Chairperson concludes the debate (about 2-4 min.)

The 2nd year debate team that gains the biggest *change* in the number of people voting between the two votes will be the winner of the debate. Please note that teachers, senior mentors or year group team leaders cannot contribute as one of the year group speakers in the debate.

The theme of the debate:

This house believes that Robots are nurses` best friends

Robotic nurses will soon be our next generation colleagues in nursing. They might be the solution to overcome nursing staff shortages. Robots do not need holidays, never complain and do not feel stressed. Robots do not miss care and have the potential to always act in a professional way. Robots with future artificial intelligence will always remember best evidence and might be the solution to bridge the gap between science and practice. Robotic nurses are not prone to human errors and learn fast and effectively, quickly becoming much more professional than human nurses. What a promising future for nursing! Disbelievers will soon be convinced, and nursing will experience a level of professionalism never seen before!

This house believes that robotic nurses are valuable partners in nursing! Proposer of this motion prepare yourself by underpinning arguments! Those against the motion will need to think about what robots do not offer, why they will never fully substitute human nurses and how the latter might keep the control.