

Summer Socratic Dialogue Festival

Dear School Leader,

Sciensation is pleased to announce a Socratic Dialogue festival, to get school students to appreciate research/inquiry/case-study based learning. Sciensation works towards bringing the best academic practices from the world's best universities like MIT/Harvard/IISERs. Socratic Dialogues can definitely help in getting students to move from the one correct answer paradigm to the world of perspectives.

The students would be trained to Dialogue on diverse topics. The sessions would culminate in a Socratic Dialogue competition. Parents could also be invited to witness the perspectives brought in by the students. Sciensation had organized one such Socratic Dialogue on Darwin Day and one of the parents felt that the programme felt more like a corporate boardroom discussion.

Learning Outcomes

- Students would be able to experience the joy of learning, by diving deep into topics.
- Ambidexterity- balancing exploration v/s exploitation, depth v/s breadth
- The Art of Questioning- how a Dialogue can help in sense-making of content
- Critical Reading- students would develop interest in reading scientific/technical content.

Experience Holistic Education

Purpose of Learning- both utilitarian and aesthetic perspectives, think beyond "applications"

Inter-disciplinary Learning- where world is not broken down into subjects

Academic Rigorous- where every argument/assertion is carefully probed

Evolve Worldview- changing the way a student understands the world

Larger Context- the ability to recognize the larger context around a situation

Extrapolation- of known ideas/concept to newer contexts

Strategy- leveraging known experience to devise new strategies

Suggested Topics

- Language and Aesthetics
- Heuristics and Problem Solving
- Game Theory and Strategy

These Socratic Dialogues are being conducted on a voluntary basis and Sciensation shall organize three sessions (2hours duration) for about 20 students, prior to the Socratic Dialogue competition.

Regards

Team Sciensation