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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year, we've launched a new School Council and introduced *The Big Debate*—a programme involving every student through preparation in form time and participation in a year group debate during assembly.

Each half term, students explore a topical and often controversial issue. This half term's motion has been: "This House Believes that the UK should follow Australia and introduce a social media ban for under-16s."

The debate has encouraged students to think critically about the role of social media, and whether the UK should follow Australia's lead or continue with the current approach through the Online Safety Act.

We'd really value your views—not just on the topic, but also on how the Big Debate has worked so far and how we might strengthen it further next term.

At Bradfield, we believe every young person should have the opportunity to speak up and be heard. Democracy is not only a fundamental British value—it's at the heart of everything we do. Through the Big Debate, we're helping students build the oracy skills and cultural capital they need to thrive and make a positive contribution to society.

We hope that you will be able to share your views with us - please click below.

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Thank you,

Karen Carter

Assistant Headteacher