Communication Skills: 2025/26 seminar overview

Open to 4A, 4B, 6S, O8A, and O8B students

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This seminar will be focused on interpersonal skills that foster the ability to reach agreements, resolve differences and convince or persuade others in various forms of negotiation. It is based on extensive examination of, and learnings taken from, students among business elites. The mechanics of language, thought and analysis and the practical application of speech will be developed, for use in the workplace and in daily life.

The topics covered will include learning, listening, rhetoric and public speaking, and thinking critically, as well as the mind, psychological types, the individual and the group and the Self in society. Both readings and audio-visual materials will be studied and discussed; presentations will be given; and the seminar itself will be analyzed and critiqued as a final project.