

Friday, 24 May 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians

Speech and Drama Communication Skills examination courses at St George's, Ascot

The Drama Department's Speech and Drama tutors are pleased to offer **Communication Skills examination courses** Sixth Form pupils.

These courses teach the valuable skills of **public speaking** and **interview technique**. It is anticipated that these examinations will be taken at the following times:

Lower Sixth Summer term 2025 – Public Speaking

Upper Sixth Spring term 2025– Interview Technique

Lessons will take the form of ten x 20 minute sessions a term, with prep expected between lessons. These will be scheduled in study periods, break times or after 4:00pm. The termly fee for the courses will be £180.

The grades achieved in the examinations have UCAS points attached, and the lessons can be used for the skill section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and universities and employers highly value these talents.

We believe that these lessons will enhance your daughter's capabilities in many key areas of communication, including:

- Using voice to communicate clearly including diction, pace, intonation, breath control and voice projection
- Confidence, including how to communicate clearly using body language, eye contact and gesture
- Structuring a speech or presentation effectively
- Writing an engaging CV
- How to capture your audience and keep them focused throughout your presentation

This will be taught and assessed through the following tasks:

- Preparing and delivering a presentation on one of four given titles
- A short speech for an occasion
- A short impromptu speech
- A piece of sight reading
- Discussion with the examiner on use of voice and planning for a speech
- Creation and delivery of a CV

At St George's, we believe that these courses will make an excellent addition to your daughter's skills, enabling her to approach potentially difficult tasks with confidence.

If you have any questions, [please do contact me by email](#) or your daughter's Speech and Drama teacher directly.

If you would like to register your daughter for these lessons please complete and return this [Google Form](#).

Yours sincerely

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