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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge – Monday 24 January 2022

Your son or daughter has been selected to take part in our annual Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge on Monday 24 January 2022. The workshop will be run at St Martin's, but your son or daughter will be off-timetable for the day in order to participate.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their public speaking, listening, deliberation and feedback skills.

Your child has been selected by their English teacher, and the skills developed feed directly into the English GCSE curriculum, particularly the aural aspects of the course.

The full day workshop will be led by a Speakers Trust trainer. The trainer offers students structured, interactive exercises for individuals and groups to develop their communication skills and expand their comfort zones.

This is an expert-led opportunity. The experienced trainer will offer insights on overcoming nerves, learning how to listen effectively, and working together to give positive and constructive feedback to each other.

Students will learn top tips for speaking in public before they are given time to use all these skills to build their own speech from scratch. By this point every student will have had several opportunities to speak in-front of their group.

At the end of the school day, every student will have spoken out on a topic of their choice focusing on delivering a message with a positive impact regardless of the subject.

Your son or daughter should attend form time as usual on Monday 24 January and then make their way to the South Hall, where the workshop will be taking place.

If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Bates
Jack Petchey Coordinator

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