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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge!

I am delighted to confirm that your son or daughter has been chosen to participate in Jack Petchey's "Speak Out Challenge!" This is a well-established and highly regarded public speaking training and competition project for maintained schools in London and Essex. The project is sponsored by the Jack Petchey Foundation and delivered by Speakers Trust.

The "Speak Out Challenge!" training will take place at St Martin's on Tuesday 26 November 2019. Your son or daughter will be off timetable for the day so it is imperative that they speak to members of staff to catch up on any work that will be missed.

As a result of his or her participation in this lively and inspiring programme your child will be able to:

- Understand the importance of structure
- Master the art of speaking without notes or extensive preparation
- Increase (his/her) confidence and impact
- Understand the key ingredients of successful public speaking
- Speak in front of a group
- Give and receive written and verbal feedback
- Prepare a competition speech
- Have the opportunity to be selected to represent St Martin's School at the regional final

The winner(s) from each school participates in a regional final where they speak in front of an audience of around two hundred and a distinguished judging panel. The judges determine which speakers are placed in the 'top three'. These top three finalists win vouchers to the value of £100, £50 and £25 for First, Second and Third place respectively. The regional winner may be selected to speak at the grand final in July 2020.

If you have any queries regarding this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me on cbarrell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Head of House and Jack Petchey Co-ordinator