

IMPLEMENTATION OF A PUBLIC  
SPEAKING PROGRAMME IN SCHOOLS  
PROVIDING A PLATFORM TO BUILD  
CONFIDENCE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING AND  
THE SKILLS FOR LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPED THROUGH IMPROMPTU  
SPEECH

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Video excerpt from the movie;  
THE KINGS SPEECH

What you have just seen is THE REASON why our boys must be given the platform, the opportunity and the skills to enhance their public speaking.

## PHILOSOPHY OF TSS SPEECH & VARIETY CLUB

1. To provide a platform for and to increase confidence and excellence in public speaking.
2. To develop the art of speaking and listening to others, to respect fellow speakers and to appreciate individuality in every person who speaks.
3. To have fun and enjoy speaking to an audience.
4. To become more articulate and to have a good command of the English Language.
5. To enhance Leadership skills as embraced by The Southport School.

WHAT IS THE ESSENTIAL ENVIRONMENT  
NEEDED TO FACILITATE A SUCCESSFUL  
PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAMME ?

HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE BOYS TO COME  
ALONG AND IMPROVE THEIR PUBLIC  
SPEAKING SKILLS IN THEIR OWN FREE TIME  
AND TO FACILITATE CONTINUITY OF  
INVOLVEMENT ?

WHO ARE THE PRINCIPAL STAKEHOLDERS IN A  
PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAMME IN OUR  
SCHOOLS ?

# THE PROGRAMME

Initial Meeting  
The Icebreaker  
Impromptu Speeches  
Main Speeches  
Informal Fun Speeches  
Supplementary Speeches  
The Competition Evening  
Presentation of Awards

# The Icebreaker

The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. These shapes are primarily located on the right side of the frame, creating a dynamic, layered effect. The text 'The Icebreaker' is centered horizontally and rendered in a clean, sans-serif font.



# THE IMPROMPTU SPEECH

Dale Carnegie, "The ability to assemble one's thoughts and to speak on the spur of the moment is even more important, in some ways, than the ability to speak only after lengthy and laborious preparation". (The Quick and Easy Way to Effective Speaking 1962)

# IMPROMPTU TOPIC SELECTION

3 LEVELS

NOVICE (30-60 SECS)

INTERMEDIATE (60-90SECS)

SENIOR (90-180 SECS)

# EXAMPLES OF IMPROMPTU TOPICS (FROM A SELECTION OF THOUSANDS)

## NOVICE

If you could travel to anywhere in the world where would it be and why?

## INTERMEDIATE

You are a supernatural being who has come to Earth and you are puzzled by human behaviour. What behaviour puzzles you most?

## SENIOR

Integrity is nothing more than doing the right thing no matter who's watching you



THEME NIGHTS

PERSUASIVE SCENARIOS

FASHION

ROUND SQUARE

STATIONERY

SURVIVAL SCENARIOS

JOB INTERVIEWS

ALL INCLUSIVE FUN TOPICS

CONVERSATION TOPICS  
THE SPEECH CONTINUUM

# MAIN SPEECHES

1. ALL BOYS MUST HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE A MAIN SPEECH
2. TOPICS CAN BE FREE CHOICE OR FROM A TOPIC SELECTION
3. SPEECHES WILL VARY IN LENGTH DEPENDING ON THE PARTICIPANT  
NOVICE 3-5 mins  
INTERMEDIATE 4-6mins  
SENIOR 6-8mins
4. SPEECHES MAY BE LEARNT BY HEART, READ OR DELIVERED FROM THE LECTERN OR DELIVERED USING PALM CARDS

# ADDITIONAL SPEAKING PLATFORMS

THE VOTE OF THANKS

EVALUATION OF PEERS



# VIDEO PRESENTATIONS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING BY TSS BOYS YEARS 7-12

6 IMPROMPTU PRESENTATIONS 1-2mins



## APPENDIX

1. CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE & ENCOURAGEMENT
2. THE VOTE OF THANKS HELPFUL HINTS
3. EVALUATION SHEETS
4. IMPROMPTU & MAIN SPEECH COMPETITION RUBICS
5. CONVERSATION TOPICS
6. THE PERSUASIVE SPEECH TOPICS
7. DALE CARNEGIE QUOTES
8. IMPROMPTU TOPICS FOR NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING THIS WORKSHOP

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