

Thursday 24th October 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

Congratulations! Your son/daughter has been nominated to attend a “Speak Out” Challenge workshop running at Bacon’s College. This is a fantastic opportunity to support learners with their communication skills and confidence, as well as helping to raise awareness of the importance of speaking out. Moreover, the challenge improves educational and employment prospects, but most importantly it instils the desire to use one’s own power and voice to bring about positive change. This will be taking place on the 14th November, and students will have a chance to learn more about this in tutor prior to the day.

There may be a few questions you have regarding the training; please see below for the list of frequently asked questions:

What does the day include?

A trainer works over one day with a group of 25-30 students to develop their communication skills. They learn a range of different tools and techniques to help develop their own skills. Throughout the day there are different opportunities to practice speaking and presenting. All students will receive a certificate of participation and a workbook to take home at the end of the course. This will also help support them for their Year Ten English speaking and listening exam.

Who delivers the training?

A Speakers Trust trainer delivers the workshop (public speaking professionals), but a teacher will also always be present during the sessions. The trainers have extensive experience training young people in a range of programmes and have Enhanced DBS certificates.

How can I help them prepare?

The day is being provided by Bacon’s College, and no extra equipment is needed for the sessions other than what is usually expected. There are no changes to uniform. However, if your child is curious, please feel free to share the following link with them:

<https://bit.ly/speakers-trust-workshop>