

# Langley Park School for Girls

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Dear Families,

## Year 10 Speakers Trust Workshops - Friday 19 September

I am delighted to inform you that Year 10 have been selected to attend an all day workshop on Friday 19 September with the Speakers Trust. The department feel that students would benefit from being able to develop their speaking and listening skills with the support of experienced and qualified trainers. Students will also use the skills & knowledge learnt in the workshop as a springboard for the compulsory Spoken Language Endorsement required at GCSE.

The aim of the workshop is to provide students with the knowledge, confidence and practice of speaking in public. After the workshop, selected students enter a competition structure – sharing their speeches in school, regional and national stages. Speeches are judged by panels of VIP judges – which helps to raise aspirations for students and the profile of young people in the community.

Students should arrive at school as normal and attend registration. They will be informed of the room to go to for the workshop and will have break/lunch as normal. If you would like to read more about the workshop, you can visit the Speakers Trust website page here: <https://speakerstrust.org/our-programmes/jack-petckeys-speak-out-challenge/>.

Last year the workshops were very successful with two finalists from LPGS participating in the regional final, with one of our students achieving first place!

It is not a requirement for students to participate in this to fulfil course requirements for GCSE English, whilst it will support students' preparations.

To support with the running of the workshop, we are asking for a £4 voluntary contribution which is made payable via MCAS. If we do not receive enough payments to cover the cost of this workshop, it may have to be cancelled so your co-operation in responding promptly is appreciated. As always, if parents/carers feel they can make a contribution on behalf of another student as well as their own, this is very much appreciated. There is a small fund available to help students in need, please see our [website](#) for more information (scroll down the page and click on "Other Information"). Students in receipt of pupil premium funding do not have to make a contribution to attend.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any general questions or concerns. I know that this will be an exciting and enriching day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

**Ms J Walker**  
**Head of English**

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