



Year 9 House Public Speaking Competition ~ a student's perspective

Public speaking? A chance to express one's feelings and thoughts and to put your own view point across. Why not?

Public speaking has given everyone involved a chance to use their skills and knowledge gained in previous English lessons, and express them in the best way possible. At some points difficult, and others the opposite, this task was quite challenging for some of us yet a great opportunity to say the very least. Public speaking has shown us all a different side to everyone, a time when quieter class members became very confident and loquacious, and when more confident ones were lost for words.

I was lucky enough to be chosen for the final against five other brilliant speeches and talented speakers. However, there was no need to go to the final to see spectacular and memorable speeches, for every participant of the contest truly did speak in a most engaging, intelligent and interesting way.

Joe Masters 9JMP (Collins House)

The results were as follows: 1st Johnson, Joint 2nd Kirkman and Wellman, Joint 3rd Collins, Mabbs and Prothero. Congratulations to all who took part.

Dance Competition

Last Wednesday a dance competition was held at Bexley Grammar. A number of secondary schools attended and we were lucky enough to finish 2nd. Students taking part were in Years 7 to 9. We would like to say thank you to Bee for

Forthcoming Events

Monday 7th February ~ Years 9 & 10 Reports issued

Monday 7th February ~ Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening

Friday 11th February ~ Year 13 Reports issued

Tuesday 15th February ~ Year 10 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 16th February ~ PA Meeting, 7.30pm SFC

Monday 21st – Friday 25th February ~ Half Term

teaching us our routine.

Harris Academy came first with an amazing performance of Snow White, well done to them and hopefully next year we can come first.

It was a fantastic atmosphere and we would all like to say thank you to the parents who came to support us.

Shania Dodd, Year 7

Year 9 Basketball

Well done to all the boys who took part in the basketball match last week against Ravenswood in the Kent Cup.

The boys had battled hard to get to this stage in the Cup and we knew that this wouldn't be an easy draw considering Ravenswood employ a basketball coach to help with their teams! However, the boys played the best game they have this season and kept up such heavy pressure that they forced many mistakes from Ravenswood and dominated the attack. We ran out eventual winners 43-19 and now march on to the last 4 in Kent.

Mr Skinner

Pink Day

Monday 14th February is Pink Valentine's Day. Pay a pound and you can wear non school uniform. Please wear at least 1 item of pink. A headband or a piece of ribbon will count.

All money raised goes to Breast Cancer Research.

Year 10

So, Science GCSEs down, March Mocks to go! If you need any tips on Revision or Exams, then go to the Year 10 Board in the Canteen Extension. These Exams are very important as they will decide if you are working at foundation or higher level, so try your best! Also, make sure your phones are off in the Exams and your uniform is smart.

ECM day has just passed, and everyone should be sending off their applications for work experience which will be in October, this year.

Reports are out next week, and your attainment grades can be put on your CV, so we hope you worked hard! Good Luck!

Katie Bennett & Louisa Wong

Year 8

Hello and welcome back to the Year 8 column for the newsletter. The latest topic is the ECM day on Tuesday 1st February which focused on art and language. It was great to see everybody getting so involved and I am sure the teachers would agree that the day was very successful.

Coming up soon is House Music. All the Houses have been rehearsing very hard, especially Prothero who are desperately working to extend their lead on the House table.

Alex Bronsdon and Isobel Richardson, 8HLE

Notices

Books needed

The English department is trying to raise the profile of reading across the school. We have created a free swap and share system in the Sixth Form Centre, which consists of pre-read novels and popular non-fiction texts, so that Sixth Form students can borrow a book to read and contribute one of their own in return.

We urgently need more popular fiction to supplement the choice!

Please donate any books, you can leave them at Reception, or send them in with your child, for the attention of Miss Fairbairn, English department.

Thank you

Miss Fairbairn

Classics Department Trip to the Bay of Naples

Just to remind parents and students that on Wednesday 9th February there is a parents' meeting to go over details about the trip. It starts at 6pm and is in the Sixth Form Centre. We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Pearson

Peru and Ecuador World Challenge students

PLEASE return your tents to Miss Fairbairn as a matter of urgency, as they are needed for a DofE expedition.

These tents are the property of the school and therefore I will have to begin billing groups for the missing tents if they do not come back in.

Thank you.

Miss Fairbairn

Sixth Form Non-fiction Book Club

A reminder that our next choice of book is 'A Very Short Introduction to Medical Ethics' by Tony Hart, who is Professor of Medical Ethics at Oxford University. We will be meeting to discuss it on Thursday 3rd March, so you have plenty of time to get to grips with some really important ideas. This is a must for medical students, but also interesting for anyone who is considering law, philosophy - or who just likes to think!

(Watch out also for the series of programmes on BBC2 and BBC4 which belong to the Justice in the 21st Century series.)

Ms Stoddard

PA Golf Day on Friday 4th March 2011 is almost sold out. If you did still want to attend, please contact Andy Britton at andybcfc1970@hotmail.co.uk

Calling all Spellers in Year 7!

The English department has secured a place for a spelling bee team in the Local Heats at Cineworld in Bexleyheath in April but we need to find our team first!

Are you in Year 7? Do you enjoy competitions? Fancy trying your hand at being part of our spelling bee team?

If so join us for the first heats where we will pick our team on Tuesday 8th February at 3.15 in J7 and J8.

If you have any questions please ask Miss Woodcock in the English Office.

The English Department

Merits

Congratulations to Mohamed Yongawo, Alfie Wheeler, Jack Salliss, Madison Wright, Adam Kelly (7SMB), Olaoluwa Fariyke, Lara Sakunbi and Skyle Terblance (7CMS). They have all achieved 50 merits. Keep up the good work.

Mr Crawford

Congratulations go to Romilly Bobby (8TM) for successfully reaching 50 merits. Well done and keep up the good work!

Mrs Kemp