

# Speech Competition

Please note the following are the criteria that will be used by the judges at the Champion of Champion Speech Finals for both Year 5 & 6 and Years 7 & 8.

1. *Speech Construction*
  - 1.1. Introduction, body of speech, conclusion
  - 1.2. Organisation of the speech
  - 1.3. Main points developed well
2. *Presentation and delivery*
  - 2.1. Facial and body gestures must enhance not distract from the speech
  - 2.2. Use of eye-contact
  - 2.3. Relaxed stance
  - 2.4. Use of pause to allow the audience to assimilate the message
  - 2.5. Variety of pace
3. *Content of speech*
  - 3.1. The message of the speech
  - 3.2. Is it relevant, meaningful clear and concise?
  - 3.3. Does it have the audience 'hooked'?
4. *Language*
  - 4.1. The use of grammar, punctuation and word selection to enhance
  - 4.2. The use of visual imagery to ensure that the message is delivered
5. *Effectiveness*
  - 5.1. The impact on the audience
  - 5.2. Judges will be watching and assessing the audience's reaction
6. *Vocal inclination*
  - 6.1. Modulation and volume of voice in delivery of the speech
  - 6.2. Vocal interest

## **Please note:**

- A speech contest is not a dramatic performance. Children will have points deducted if in the eyes of the judges they cross this boundary.
- Children will lose 5 points if their speech is either under 2 min 30 sec or over 3 min 30 sec. A light will go on at 2 minutes and off at 3 minutes in the finals.
- The judges will not give individual feedback to the contestants. The scoring sheets will be destroyed after the competition.
- The judges' decision is final and no discussion will be entered into once this has been made.
- The use of microphone or other such audio aids are not permitted.