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## **LOUD AND PROUD**

### 2011-2012 Public Speaking Competition for Year 6 Girls

#### **Competition Notes**

##### **Aims of the competition**

- To encourage girls to play a more prominent part in public life.
- To improve the art of communication.
- To develop research techniques.
- To encourage girls to develop the skill to speak effectively and to articulate with clarity.
- To develop self confidence and personality.

##### **Entry**

- The competition is open to girls in Year 6 and you may send two representatives.

##### **Soroptimist International of Croydon and District**

The competition is being sponsored by Soroptimist International of Croydon and District. Soroptimist International is a world-wide organisation for professional and business women, working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women. With some 90,000 Soroptimist members, spread across more than 3,000 clubs in 130 countries, we support local, national and international communities through projects and activities based on Awareness, Advocacy and Action. To learn more about our organisation and activities, please visit: [www.soroptimist-gbi.org/croydon-and-district](http://www.soroptimist-gbi.org/croydon-and-district).

##### **Speeches**

Girls must select one of the following topics and present a speech lasting between 3-4 minutes The five selected topics are:

1. Who wears the trousers in today's society? What does it mean and does it matter?
2. "Jaw jaw, not war war." (Winston Churchill).
3. What makes a true Olympic athlete – the taking part or the winning?
4. "Life must be characterised by a sense of universal responsibility".  
What does this mean to you? See below\*.
5. What do you think caused the riot in Croydon? What can we do to stop it happening again?

\*"Life must be characterised by a sense of universal responsibility not only nation to nation and human to human, but also human to other forms of life..." (extract from Dalai Lama).

Schools will be expected to arrange their own internal heats and choose their own representatives.

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### Competition arrangements

If there are enough entries to warrant a semi-final, the date and venue of this will be advised. The Final will be held in the Council Chamber at Croydon Town Hall on 6 March 2012 from 11:00 to 13:00, followed by refreshments. Prizes will be presented by the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Graham Bass. If your school is successful and representatives go through to the final, further details will be sent to you.

The adjudicating panel at the final will include Paul Greenhalgh, Director of Children, Young People and Learners; Simon Thomsett, Chief Executive of Fairfield Halls; a representative from the Croydon Youth Parliament and also from Soroptimist International. They will assess each student against the following criteria:

### Content

- Suitability and knowledge, including any research.
- Relevance of material.
- Impact of introduction and conclusion.
- General structure and development.
- Use of varied vocabulary.

### Presentational Skills

- Voice projection.
- Clarity of speech.
- Pace, pitch, inflection.
- Eye contact/ facial expression.
- Stance.
- Spontaneity.
- Rapport with the audience.

Voucher prizes for the Whitgift Shopping Centre of £50, £35 and £20 will be awarded for first, second and third places. The winners and their parents will be taken on a tour of the Houses of Parliament; if there is space available then the runners up, other members of the school, parents and teachers may also be included.

### Poster

We are including a poster which you might like to display on your notice board to encourage girls to come and ask about taking part in this competition.

### How to take part

If you would like your school to take part, please email an 'Expression of Interest' note to the Competition Convenor by Monday 17 October 2011. The attached entry form should be returned by Tuesday 15 November 2011.

We do hope that you will join us. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact the Competition Convenor, Penny Veness, at [epven@aol.com](mailto:epven@aol.com).

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