**LOUD AND PROUD**

2018-2019 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 a maximum of two representatives.
* Places will be allocated strictly on a first-come-first-served basis of confirmed entrants and

topics received by the deadline of **Friday 7th December 2018.** Substitution of entrants at a later date is not permitted.

**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 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: https://sigbi.org/croydon-and-district/

**Speeches**

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

1. Is there gender equality in school uniforms?
2. How would you manage without plastic?
3. What do you think about gang culture?
4. Will your life change after Brexit?
5. What’s more important – taking part or winning?

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

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**Competition arrangements**

The Final will be held in the Council Chamber at Croydon Town Hall on Friday 1st March 2019 from 11:00 to 13:00, followed by refreshments. Prizes will be presented by the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Bernadette Khan. We hope to include a tour of the House of Commons for all participants.

The adjudicating panel of 5 members at the final will include a representative from Croydon Council’s Education Department, an editor from the Croydon Citizen and a Soroptimist from Croydon and District club. 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 (or alternative) of £30, £25 and £20 will be awarded for first, second and third places. All contestants and one school representative will be invited on a tour of the House of Commons.

**Poster**

We are including a poster which can be displayed 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 return the attached entry form by **Friday 7th December 2018** via email or post. The return of the completed entry form by this date is essential in order to reserve a place for your students in the competition final. The event has been over-subscribed in previous years. Please note that substitution of entrants at a later date is not permitted.

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

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**Application Form**

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| **NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SCHOOL** | | |
| **Name** |  | |
| **Address** |  | |
| **Telephone** |  | |
| **Email** |  | |
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| **DETAILS OF STAFF MEMBER PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPETITORS** | | |
| **Name** |  | |
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| **Telephone** |  | |
| **Email** |  | |
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| **SCHOOL COMPETITORS** | | |
| **Name of Competitor (a)** | | **Name of Competitor (b)** |
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| **Date of Birth** | | **Date of Birth** |
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| **Chosen Speech (1, 2, 3, 4 or 5)** | | **Chosen Speech (1, 2, 3, 4 or 5)** |
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**Please return this entry form to the Competition Convenor by**

**Friday 7th December 2018**