



Ready, Respectful, Resilient

Headteacher: Mrs T Price BA (Hons) MA Ed

9th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child has opted to be part of the 'Youth Speaks Competition' team which represent our school and is ran by The Rotary Club of Biddulph for students aged 11 – 13 years. This is an exciting competition to support and encourage the development of effective communication skills and acts as a platform for young people to develop and perform, demonstrating their talents.

As part of the team, your child will gain experience in speaking on a public platform, dealing with a topic in a limited amount of time, learning and practising high standards of expression, presentation and appearance, subsequently receiving impartial feedback from experienced adjudicators.

The first heat of the competition is on **Monday 9th February** at **Biddulph Town Hall**. Students will need to make their own way to the venue and aim to arrive at 17.45pm so we have time to have one final practice. The event will begin at **18.00pm, however we are unable to confirm** a finish time as this is dependent upon on the judges deliberation, which can take some time!

Parents are very welcome to attend and light refreshments will be provided.

If you are happy for your child to attend and for them to be part of the James Bateman Youth Speaks Team please confirm via email to mcope@jamesbateman.staffs.sch.uk.

If you have any further questions, then again please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Cope
English teacher