



25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of a wonderful opportunity we have been given by the Jack Petchey foundation and the Speaker's Trust. Following the pandemic, they want to increase the opportunities for students to gain confidence in public speaking. As a result, we have managed to secure a number of workshops which will take place this Wednesday - 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Usually, we are only able to run one workshop, so we are really pleased to have been successful in securing enough for the majority of Year 10!

These workshops are run by professional trainers and will be supervised by Passmores staff, including their English teachers. They will run for the whole day, but students will be expected to go to tutor time as normal.

On the day, students must arrive promptly and in full school uniform. They will need to bring a pen. Booklets will be provided.

The purpose of the workshop is to increase confidence and to give students strategies to enable them to become better public speakers. This will be useful for aspects of their GCSE courses but will also be beneficial for job and college interviews.

There is also a competition element for students who would like to take on the full Speak Out Challenge. This will result in a school competition followed by one student representing Passmores at a Regional Final.

If you have a child who might be keen to compete or a child who may be quite nervous, you can support them by discussing ideas about what they might talk about, such as someone or something that has inspired them, something they think is important or something about the world they would like people to change. They do not need to prepare a speech before the workshop as the workshop goes through this process in a practical and fun way.

We are really looking forward to the day, which has been a huge success in the past. This is a link that gives an insight into what our students will be doing: [It's time to Speak Out \(vimeo.com\)](#)



Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'L' and a long, sweeping tail.

**Laura King**  
**Teacher of English**