

ISM/TEM/Speaking up for the planet

30th November 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

"Speaking Up for the Planet"

On Wednesday 1st December, the Speaker's Trust are working with selected Year 10 pupils at Etone College to offer a fantastic opportunity to explore issues and views surrounding climate change. In preparation for the event, you might like to discuss climate change and ideas for how we can tackle the climate crisis with your child.

The workshop

Participants will have a full-day communication skills workshop in school delivered by one of the Speaker's Trust expert trainers. The trainer will take them through a series of fun, interactive exercises designed to boost their confidence and improve their speaking and listening skills. We will explore their opinions and responses to climate change and help them to articulate them clearly. The day culminates in every participant standing up and delivering a short speech about climate change and the environment.

Getting voices heard

The workshop will be complemented by a comprehensive suite of online resources which will help our pupils fine-tune their speech.

Competition

Your child's speech may be filmed and submitted to a national competition for an opportunity to speak at a COP 26 affiliated event early in 2022. Judging will take place on 3rd December where the expert panel of judges will watch all of the submitted speeches and select a few to be shared at a high-profile event in early 2022.

As you have previously given permission for your child to be photographed/filmed, it will be assumed that you are happy for your child's speech to be filmed and submitted to a national competition. **If you are not happy for your child to be photographed or filmed, please let us know.**

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding the above event, please contact Mrs Smith in school.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Smith
Headteacher