

SHORT-TERM ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

To fully support your students' progress we highly recommend the full Articulate five-day programme, however upon special request we may run the following 1-3 day workshops:

- **Interview Skills**
- **Debating Skills**
- **Speaking and Listening**
- **Employability** (CV writing, job applications and interview skills suitable to KS5)

* Please note these activities do not result in an external exam or qualification.

GET IN TOUCH

Explore a variety of in-school packages at articulacy.co.uk or contact the team at Next Steps South West to discuss your options.

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Articulacy



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ARTICULATE

TEACHING THE ART
OF NATURAL COMMUNICATION

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We are Next Steps South West (NSSW), a collaboration of fourteen partner universities and colleges funded by the Office for Students.

Throughout Cornwall, Devon and Somerset we offer support to target students in years 9 to 13 who are currently underrepresented in higher education (HE). Working with target schools we run events and activities to raise aspirations, achievement and awareness of HE opportunities, including apprenticeships.

HOW IT WORKS

Our five-day Articulate programme is dedicated to year 9 students. Working with target schools we identify thirteen pupils via a three phase targeting process, conducted by the school and the NSSW evaluation team. Students learn essential skills of speaking, listening, discussion and debate. The programme culminates in an accredited English Speaking Board qualification.

We are proud to present a five-day communication skills programme, in collaboration with **Articulacy**. Our shared mission is simple; inspire young people to become confident and articulate individuals, in their school lives and beyond.

Through an energetic mix of challenging games and practical sessions, we increase confidence and improve soft skills, helping learners overcome barriers of low self-esteem and anxiety, and grow their academic potential.

Our core workshops are designed to nurture effective communication skills, build confidence, encourage debate and raise aspirations – whilst introducing higher education. Students enjoy a massive sense of achievement, and develop presentation and speaking skills in an interactive and fun environment, whilst supporting KS3 targets.

Prioritising regular one-to-one tuition and positive reinforcement we encourage active engagement in learning. The presence of our HE Student Ambassadors also provides additional help and support from university role models. The motivational teacher-student and peer relationships that ensue revolutionise the classroom, creating a supportive space for pupils to realise their full potential.

PROGRAMME

The Articulate programme is spread across a Monday to Friday school week, as detailed in the example timetable below.

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students choose a poem and topic title for presentation• Begin memorising poems• Presentation development, requiring access to computers
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students arrive with a book of their choice, that they have read and enjoyed, then select a passage - this must include dialogue• Spend time working through poems, presentations and reading
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consolidation of the first two days, with students working in small groups or pairs to rehearse their presentations, poems and passages• Tutor works out who needs support with any of the exam requirements
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 rooms are required for the morning, students then switch halfway through• Room 1 – mock exams with half of the group and tutor• Room 2 – practise room with Student Ambassadors along with discussion about life at university• Afternoon - fun filled activities increase confidence, ahead of the exam on Friday
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exams will be taken in 2 groups• Group 1 – with examiner - lessons 1 and 2• Group 2 – with examiner - lessons 3 and 4• When not with examiner students will go back to normal lessons• All students return to normal lessons in the afternoon – lesson 5

* To discuss alternative five-day programmes please contact the NSSW team.

Bespoke options may include:

- One week outside of term time (e.g during the summer holiday or half term)
- One session per week for four weeks (fourth and fifth session within the same final week to allow for a mock exam and final exam)
- After school club (ten weeks of three hour long sessions)