



**Next Steps  
South West**



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Dear Parents,

It is with a great amount of pleasure that I am able to contact you to let you know about the workshop your child will be taking part in at school. The workshop is called Articulate! and your child will be working towards an English Speaking Board qualification.

Over the week, students will learn how to:

- Give a presentation using visual aids – *something they need to know how to do in school for project work, for college, university and for job interviews. They will be taught techniques that will help them to ‘engage’ with any group of listeners and that they will be able to use in all areas of life*
- Speak from memory – *learning to memorise helps with all areas of learning and revising for exams*
- Read a passage from a book in a way that engages and excites the listener – *this skill helps both with their literacy and encourages them to use their voices to ‘sell’ themselves*
- Learn how to listen and engage with their peers, examiner and teachers in a positive and confident manner – *they will practise listening to others which can be difficult. If we listen well, not only do we learn but we also find that people like us more!*

On the Friday of the week that they are with us, they will take part in an assessment with an external assessor and gain the English Speaking Board Level 1 Award in Speech (Grade 2).

The whole week is dedicated to increasing your child’s confidence and to give them the communication skills they need to help them during the rest of their school lives and beyond.

Students will not be sitting behind desks all week, in fact the week is extremely interactive and requires them to join in with games and activities as well as do research for their presentations, books and spoken pieces. It is a great week!

The company delivering the training is Articulacy and you can find out more about us as well as a video giving you a taste of what we do here: <https://www.articulacy.co.uk/schools/>

The week is funded by Next Steps South West: [www.nextstepsw.ac.uk/](http://www.nextstepsw.ac.uk/)

The examining board is English Speaking Board details of which can be found at <https://esbuk.org/web/>

You can help your child have the best possible week by listening to their presentations, encouraging them to read from their chosen books at home and listening to their poems. You will be amazed what they can achieve in just one week.

If you have any questions please contact Leanne on [leanne@articulacy.co.uk](mailto:leanne@articulacy.co.uk) or 07545219856. We are really looking forward to meeting and working with your child.

Yours faithfully

Leanne, Business Manager for Articulacy