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ATTENTION: The English Department/Public Speaking

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63rd HIGH SCHOOLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING FESTIVAL

12 February to 14 March 2024

Dear Educators,

The High Schools' Public Speaking Festival is returning once again in 2024! We are all excited for another year of passionate speeches. This letter communicates all the **relevant dates** as well as the **topics** for 2024's event. You should have received the Entry Form for 2024. Please can the completed entry forms be submitted via **EMAIL** by latest **12h00 (noon)** on **Monday 31 January 2024** to info@speechanddramacollegesa.co.za

The Festival itself is set to run from **Monday 12 February 2024 through to Thursday 14 March 2024**. However, the Finals Evening will take place later than usual. After careful consideration of 2024's school calendars for both independent schools running three- and four-term calendars as well as state schools, we have made the decision to hold the **Finals' Evening on Thursday 11 April 2024**. This is to accommodate all school calendars to the best of our ability, while still ensuring that we are able to adequately compile the final results and notify all finalists timeously.

We once again look forward to a fruitful five weeks of engaging speeches delivered by young and passionate speakers!

Should email not be a viable option, please send clear photographs of the completed entry form via **WhatsApp** to **071 045 0134**.

Please diarise the following dates:

Event	Dates
Open Event	12 February to 14 March 2024
Speech And Drama College Trophy Team Event	
Guild Individual Best Speaker Event	
Finals' Night	11 April 2024

For comprehensive guidelines on the structure and rules of each event, as well as tips on how best to prepare for events, please download our **Polished Public Speaking** booklet at: <http://www.speechanddramacollegesa.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Passport-to-polished-public-speaking.pdf>

TOPICS

Educators, please make sure that you give the correct topics to the appropriate grades! 2024's topics are thematic rather than directed towards specific kinds of texts as in previous years. Instead, thematic topics do not require teams to provide proof of topic to the adjudicator, but rather the topic needs to be self-evident from the content of the speeches presented. For these thematic topics, speakers are encouraged to craft speeches that speak to a **specific aspect** that falls under the broad theme, thus they are encouraged to make the theme **their own** and find a topic that can plausibly fit under that theme.

Event	Grades	Thematic Topic
Open Event (Juniors)	7, 8, & 9	Power Dynamics
Open Event (Seniors)	10, 11, & 12	What makes humans great/not so great
Trophy Team Event	11/12	Own choice of topic (max 15 mins per team)
Individual Speaker Event	11/12	Prepared speech: Own choice of topic (max 5 mins) Impromptu speech: Will be provided on the night (max 3 mins)

Please keep in mind the limited time to complete and submit your school's entry form. **Late entry penalties will be charged at R100.00.** We remind teachers that they are responsible for confirming that their entry forms have been received by the College.

ONCE AN ENTRY IS PLACED INTO THE TIMETABLE, THE ENTRY FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE

Any **enquiries** need to be directed to Debbie van Rensburg on info@speechanddramacollegesa.co.za or cell no. 071 045 0134.

We look forward to sharing an interesting and engaging festival!