

December 19, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

St. George's High School is pleased to be hosting both the Junior and Senior QAIS Public Speaking competitions in 2017. The Junior competition is open to Secondary I and II students while Secondary III-V students are eligible for the Senior competition.

Both events will be taking place on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The Junior competition will take place in the morning, starting at 9:30 a.m. Speakers should arrive for 9:00 a.m. The Senior competition will begin in the afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Speakers should arrive for 12:30 p.m. The address is 3100 The Boulevard, Montreal, H3Y 1R9.

Each school may send one student who will be accompanied by a teacher or school representative. The student may also bring up to two guests.

For both competitions, students are asked to deliver an after-dinner speech. Speech prompts follow this letter, along with guidelines and the QAIS rubric. Seniors have four minutes and juniors have three minutes for their speeches.

Please complete the registration form at <http://bit.ly/qaispublicspeaking17> by March 28 to ensure your student's entry. We look forward to seeing you and your student in April.

Sincerely,



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THE AFTER DINNER SPEECH

The following is a paraphrase of the International Independent Schools' Public Speaking Competition guidelines:

The purpose of the after-dinner speech is to entertain and inform. The speaker must choose an imaginary audience and create a speech which could conceivably be given after the annual dinner of this group. The audience could be realistic, such as a group of scientists, or unrealistic, such as a group of extra-terrestrials.

A student may not use any props. While the speech may be either serious or humorous, a student should not present a stand-up comedy routine. Notes should be used as little as possible. The speaker can either identify their chosen audience in the speech or ask the moderator to do so.

Each competitor should speak for 3 minutes (junior) or 4 minutes (senior) with a grace period of 30 seconds on either side. There will be a time penalty for speeches that run too long or too short.



**QAIS
PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2017 - EVALUATION RUBRIC**

Name of Speaker: _____

Subject/Title: _____

Presentation - 50 points

Criteria	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Fair
Tone of voice	10	8	6	4	2
Poise and confidence	10	8	6	4	2
Pace	10	8	6	4	2
Appropriate gestures	10	8	6	4	2
Memorisation	10	8	6	4	2

Total: /50

Content - 50 points

Criteria	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Fair
Approach is unique/imaginative	10	8	6	4	2
Content is ideal for topic, persona and audience	10	8	6	4	2
Speech is entertaining	10	8	6	4	2
Speech is informative	10	8	6	4	2
Speech is well-organised	10	8	6	4	2

Total: /50

Time of speech: ____ Minutes ____ Seconds

Points to remove (1 point per 10 seconds above or below allotted time): ____

Total: ____/100



QAIS Junior (Cycle One) Speaking Competition Prompts

One of the following quotations should appear in the speech. The speech should be three minutes long.

1. "I give myself very good advice, but I very seldom follow it." -- Alice (*Alice in Wonderland*)
2. "Venture outside your comfort zone. The rewards are worth it." -- Rapunzel (*Tangled*)
3. "A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference." -- Eeyore (*Winnie the Pooh*)
4. "The problem is not the problem. The problem is your attitude about the problem."--Jack Sparrow (*Pirates of the Caribbean*)
5. "Even miracles take a little time." -- Fairy Godmother (*Cinderella*)
6. "If you focus on what you left behind, you will never be able to see what lies ahead." -- Gusteau (*Ratatouille*)
7. "If you don't think, then you shouldn't talk." -- March Hare (*Alice in Wonderland*)
8. "Don't just fly, soar." -- Dumbo (*Dumbo*)
9. "Your identity is your most valuable possession. Protect it." -- Elastigirl (*The Incredibles*)
10. "Change is good." -- Rafiki (*The Lion King*)



QAIS Senior (Cycle Two) Speaking Competition Prompts

One of the following quotations should appear in the speech. The speech should be four minutes long.

1. “If you ain’t first, you’re last.” -- Ricky Bobby (*Talladega Nights*)
2. “Fasten your seatbelts. It's going to be a bumpy night.” --Margo Channing (*All About Eve*)
3. “If you look for it, I’ve got a sneaky feeling you’ll find that love actually is all around.” -- Prime Minister (*Love Actually*)
4. “Famous people are just more interesting.” -- Penny Lane (*Almost Famous*)
5. “I am going to die surrounded by the biggest idiots in the galaxy” --Gamora (*Guardians of the Galaxy*)
6. “Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” -- Ferris Bueller (*Ferris Bueller’s Day Off*)
7. “Greed, for lack of a better word, is good.” -- Gordon Gekko (*Wall Street*)
8. “The things you own end up owning you.” -- Tyler Durden (*Fight Club*)
9. “The only thing that separates us from the animals is our ability to accessorize.” --Clairee Belcher (*Steel Magnolias*)
10. “I don’t want to survive. I want to live.” -- Solomon Northup (*12 Years a Slave*)
11. “Keep your friends close but your enemies closer.” -- Michael Corleone (*The Godfather II*)
12. “I have a bad feeling about this.” --Princess Leia (*The Empire Strikes Back*)