

LIFE talk lessons Curriculum overview

One of the biggest barriers to students getting on in life is a lack of eloquence. We are not willing for this to be the case for any student who leaves Stokesley school.

The purpose of LIFE talk lessons is to equip year 7 students at Stokesley school with the skills that they need to be confident, fluent speakers about a range of topics across a range of contexts. If we can teach our students to articulate their ideas and engage with others through spoken language then we are empowering them to better understand themselves, others and the world around them.

LIFE talk lessons will be delivered fortnightly by English teachers.

	Term 1 Finding your voice	Term 2 Sharing your voice	Term 3 Using your voice
Week 1	How can we ask effective questions?	How can our questions show we've listened first?	How can we share our opinions?
Week 2	How can we answer questions effectively?	How does turn-taking work?	What does it mean to 'debate'?
Week 3	How can we take part in a discussion?	How do we perform a piece of poetry?	
Week 4	How can we show that we are listening?	How do we learn something by heart?	What is a balloon debate?
Week 5	What are prosodics and why do they matter?	How are our voices useful in improving performance?	What is a silent debate?
Week 6	Why do we need to consider who we're speaking to?	How can we rehearse for a performance?	How can we work on our speaking endurance?
Week 7	What has body language got to do with it all?	How can we make a group recital exciting?	How have we found our voices?