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Dear Parent/Carer

Toastmasters Course at Sackville

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organisation that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs.

We are delighted that one of the local clubs is offering to run their Youth Leadership Programme at Sackville after Christmas. We are giving this opportunity to students in year 10 and year 12.

This programme will specifically benefit people who

- feel they get flustered or nervous when asked to speak in public
- would like to be able to speak more confidently and clearly
- want to learn how best to structure a presentation to engage an audience
- want to become a great speaker

The programme consists of eight sessions of two hours that enable young people to develop their communication and leadership skills through practical experience, covering such skills as

- evaluating their own speaking ability
- preparing and giving speeches
- giving impromptu talks
- controlling their voice, vocabulary and gestures
- giving constructive feedback
- organising and running meetings

We also know that developing oracy skills can be enormously beneficial to academic learning.

The programme will run in A11, from 3.15pm – 5.15pm on the following Thursdays: January 16th, 23rd and 30th, February 6th, 13th and 27th, and March 5th and 12th.

Full details of the programme can be found [here](#).

The only cost will be £15.00 to cover the cost of administration and materials. The adults running the course are giving their time free of charge. All are DBS checked.

Please remember that if your child is in year 10 and eligible for the Pupil Premium government grant we can use that to pay for the full cost of the Toastmasters course. If, however, you would like to make a contribution towards the Toastmasters course there is also facility to make payment.



If your child would like to participate, please head over to our online payments system in the usual way.

We can only accommodate 20 students on this programme and there will be a ballot in the event of oversubscription.

Yours sincerely



Mr A de Souza

Deputy Head: Raising Standards Leader/Intervention (ICT)

To: Mr A de Souza - **Deputy Head: Raising Standards Leader/Intervention (ICT)**

Toastmasters Course at Sackville

I give permission for my child to take part in the Toastmasters course.

Name of student _____ Form _____

I have made payment of £15.00 to Sackville School via the online payment system

My child is in year 10 and eligible for the Pupil Premium government grant and I have ticked the consent box on the online payment system.

Parent/Carer name (please sign) _____

Parent/Carer name (please print) _____

Date _____