

Primary Programmes for 2011

Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning has been teaching communication, speech and drama programmes in Singapore schools for over ten years, using our unique, specialised EduDrama® methodology. Over this time, we have refined and modified the programmes we offer, working in partnership with the English Department of each school to meet the specific needs of their students.

The development of speech communication skills through our carefully structured programmes aids students in building awareness and techniques required for good Standard English speech and confidence in presentations. Students move progressively towards mastery, building confidence and enjoyment of communication, presentation and performance.

For 2011, we recommend the following programmes for your school:

- Primary 1 / 2 : **Speech Works – weekly classes (1 hour session)****
Standard English speech sounds, rhythm and intonation are taught through drama, active participation, repetition and language reinforcement in this programme. The classes enable students to discriminate and pronounce sounds, words and ideas confidently.
- Primary 1 / 2 : **Drama in Action – weekly classes (1 hour session)****
Poetry and prose are explored through drama activities to encourage students to use their imagination, develop their thinking skills and enjoy using language creatively and expressively.
- Primary 3 - 6 : **Speech and Drama – weekly classes (1 or 1½ hour sessions)****
Speech and Drama allows students to build confidence and self esteem, and to master the techniques necessary for effective communication of the spoken word. Classes aim to build the students' command of standard English, promote enjoyment of language in all its forms, and produce students who are vocally and physically expressive, with speech that is clear, colourful and individual.
- Primary 5 / 6 : **Oral English Preparation – 5 week course (2 hour sessions)****
This course provides support for students' need to understand, prepare for, and cope with the demands of the English oral examinations. Students work on the skills they need to think purposefully, building techniques for clear thinking and speaking.
- Primary 5 / 6 : **Presentation Skills – weekly classes (1 hour or 1½ hours)****
Students learn to prepare and present talks and speeches confidently and with enjoyment. The course builds awareness of the differing needs of listeners, enabling students to adapt language and presentation to suit these needs.
- Primary 5 / 6 : **Basic Debating Skills – weekly classes (1 hour, 1 ½ hours or 2 hours)****
This programme aims to give participants opportunities to expand thinking, to speak confidently on a wide-range of topical and social issues, and to persuade an audience with creative, well-structured arguments.

Please let us know if you would like us to visit your school to discuss how we may complement your curriculum. You can contact the following staff at our centre:

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