

Speak Up

Public Speaking programme for schools

Raising attainment in English GCSE



Arc is offering every secondary school in the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham the opportunity to participate in a new enrichment project with grant support from London Thames Gateway Development Corporation.

The **Speak Up** programme will be available to schools from September 2010.

The programme is specifically designed for Year 10 students who are on the borderline of B/A grades in their English GCSE. The objective is to support their movement up the scale through developing confidence and thinking skills with an emphasis on Speaking and Listening.

The draft specification for the teaching of English Language A from 2010 places 20% of its marks on Speaking and Listening, which will underpin much of the new GCSE. Students will be assessed on presenting, discussing, listening and role playing.

Speak Up will use Arc's expertise in performance and interactive debate. The programme will develop communication skills, including body language, vocal projection, rapport, vocabulary, fluency, public speaking and adapting talk to context and audience.

These skills will be applied to a range of key enquiry topics and questions to support individual presentations, interviews, group debates and discussions, which actively develop thinking skills.

Students will be encouraged to take risks and extend expectations of their personal and group performance.

The **Speak Up** programme can be booked to suit school timetables and delivered either in school or at Arc's base at the Malthouse Studios in Barking.

The programme includes:

- ◆ 10 hours of sessions for a maximum of 12 to 15 students
- ◆ A special presentation evening at The Malthouse for parents, teachers and local dignitaries
- ◆ Full project evaluation

Outcomes of the programme:

- ◆ Improved confidence - self-reported and observed
- ◆ Successful presentation of an argument
- ◆ Vocal clarity and fluency
- ◆ Improved vocabulary
- ◆ Public speaking (individual presentations)
- ◆ Conflict management
- ◆ Active participation
- ◆ Specific self-reported learning (distance travelled)
- ◆ Teacher reporting
- ◆ Improved GCSE results

For more information about fees, available grant subsidy, and how to get involved in the project, please contact Carole Pluckrose at Arc on **020 8594 1095** or email **carole@arctheatre.com**