



## Oracy October is coming!

Oracy October is coming and we want everyone to be a part of it! This year's theme is **'Speaking like a Specialist'** and explores what high-quality talk looks like in different subject disciplines.

We are asking teachers to use the month to encourage you students to talk like subject experts, raising your understanding of oracy by challenging you to speak like specialists in different areas of the curriculum. What does it mean to speak like a scientist? How does this differ from speaking like a historian, or to the expectations of high-quality talk in English or maths?

While most of our communication skills can be universally applied, talk in different subject areas and disciplines has varying purposes. Raising your awareness of these differences supports you to become flexible and resilient communicators.

The Oracy October campaign is run by a charity organisation called Voice '21 whom the College are very lucky to be working with this year. As part of our mission and commitment to improving the life chances, skills and opportunities for students we have made a commitment to use Oracy development as a key focus of our teaching, learning and assessment.

Oracy October month is the first official campaign that targets all students at the College and we cannot wait to see how you get involved.

Keep an eye out on the bulletin for more exciting Oracy Opportunities to come!