

# ORACY

at VCP



## UNCRC

**Article 12** ensures children's right to be heard and participate in decisions affecting them.

**Article 13** supports their right to freely express themselves, access information, and share ideas.

## What is Oracy?

Oracy involves expressing ideas, deepening understanding, and connecting with others through speaking, listening, and communication.

## Our Vision:

At VCP we recognise Oracy is central to learning: purposeful talk is planned deliberately. There are a range of opportunities for all pupils (regardless of educational needs) to receive a high-quality oracy education where scaffolds and structures support and challenge students. The culture of listening ensures that all voices are valued and heard. We know our pupils are confident speakers, but our aim is for students to use social oracy skills to collaborate with others: communication is a life skill. Our pupils leave VCP with the oracy tools needed for success beyond the school grounds.

## Voice 21

As part of a Government of Jersey initiative, we've teamed up with Voice 21 to support a nationwide and island-wide effort to enhance Oracy in schools. This partnership provides us with access to top-quality training and development opportunities both in Jersey and the UK. It also allows us to visit other schools and share our own successful practices.

*'In school, oracy is a powerful tool for learning; by teaching students to become more effective speakers and listeners we empower them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them. It is also a route to social mobility, empowering all students, not just some, to find their voice to succeed in school and life.'*

(Voice 21)

## Sentence Stems

At VCP, we encourage the boys to use sentence stems to build on others' ideas, ask probing questions, challenge perspectives, and seek clarification.



### BUILD

BUILDING ON YOUR POINT  
I AGREE AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADD  
YOUR IDEA MADE ME THINK ABOUT...



### INSTIGATE

I WOULD LIKE TO INSTIGATE OUR DISCUSSION BY SAYING...  
THE FIRST THING WE SHOULD CONSIDER IS...  
WE HAVEN'T YET TALKED ABOUT...



### PROBE

WHY DO YOU THINK...?  
COULD YOU PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE?  
WHAT EVIDENCE DO YOU HAVE TO SUPPORT YOUR IDEA?



### SUMMARISE

SO FAR WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT...  
THE MAIN POINTS RAISED TODAY WERE...  
OUR DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON...



### CHALLENGE

RESPECTFULLY DISAGREEING  
I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT OF VIEW BUT HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT  
TO CHALLENGE YOU, I THINK...



### CLARIFY

DOES THAT MEAN...?  
SO ARE YOU SAYING...?  
CAN YOU CLARIFY WHAT YOU MEAN BY...?



# The Oracy Framework



## Physical

Are you thinking about the **speed** and **volume** of your voice?



Are you using **gestures** and **expression** to help make your point?



Are you **facing** who you are **speaking** or **listening** to?



## Cognitive

Is what you want to say **clear** and **organised**?



Are you asking **relevant questions** and **responding** to others?



Are you giving **reasons** for what you are saying?



## Linguistic

Are you using **sentence stems** to link others' ideas?



Are you using **new** and **appropriate** vocabulary?



## Social & Emotional

Are you **taking turns** to talk and **listen** and **encouraging others** to take part?



Are you talking **confidently** and **thinking** about your **audience**?

# Helping every child find their voice

At VCP, we believe that learning to speak confidently and listen thoughtfully is just as important as learning to read and write. That's why we use the Oracy Framework, which helps every child develop the skills they need to become clear, confident, and respectful communicators.

Throughout the curriculum, we encourage the boys to explore ideas through talk, challenge each other's opinions, build strong arguments, and speak with clarity and confidence.

**We celebrate and praise children who demonstrate excellent Oracy skills, and to keep families involved, we send home Good News Notes so that every success can be shared and celebrated at home.**

The skills developed through an Oracy education will stay with our boys for life. Effective communication is essential in nearly every aspect of our lives. Oracy has been shown to enhance a wide range of social, emotional, and interpersonal abilities, including boosting self-confidence, self-awareness, resilience, and empathy.



**Working together as partners in your child's development, we can help them build the confidence and communication skills they need to express themselves effectively. By nurturing their ability to speak with clarity and purpose, we're setting them up for success now and in the future.**



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