

TED^xAlleyns School Youth

An independently organized TED-like event.

Call for speakers

We are delighted and excited to announce that we will be hosting our second TEDxYouth event at Alleyn's School on October 17 2025. TEDxYouth events are designed to serve school communities. We are currently seeking expressions of interest from people keen to deliver a talk at our event.

TEDxAlleyns School Youth is a daytime and evening event being curated by a team of staff and students at Alleyn's, led by Aidan Sproat-Clements (Assistant Head – Director of Studies). The talks will take place in the MCT. Our goal is to bring together bright minds to give talks that are idea-focused, and on a wide range of subjects, to foster learning, inspiration and wonder – and provoke conversations that matter. Speakers could be pupils, staff, parents, or alumni – or indeed those connected to the school in other ways whose message might be relevant to the Alleyn's community. Talks will be filmed and an edit will be hosted on the TEDx YouTube channel.

The theme for our event is "Connection", and talks should address this theme in some way – the more creatively, the better!

What's involved

Speeches must be less than 10 minutes in duration, though this shouldn't be viewed as a target. We would like speakers to aim to speak for not more than 8 minutes; some of the best TED talks are only five minutes long.

Younger speakers should aim to speak for under 4 minutes.

Speakers are required to

- write a script for their speech and provide slides if desired;
- check in with the curation team to enable fact-checking and for support with editing the speech where needed;
- rehearse the speech, including attending a dress rehearsal on the 16 October in advance of the event,
- deliver the speech – without notes – to a live audience in the MCT.

What makes a good TED talk

TED's mission is *Ideas worth spreading*. The goal is to put great, well-formed ideas in front of the audience. Talks need to adhere to content guidelines, including: no commercial agendas; no political agendas or inflammatory rhetoric; no religious agendas and no bad science.

Talks are all different and they have different styles. TED suggest seven basic categories of talk: the big idea, the tech demo, the performance, the artist's statement, the "dazzle with wonder", the small idea, and the "issue" talk. [You can learn more about types of talk here.](#)

What next?

If you think you might be interested in delivering a talk as part of our TEDx event, [please complete this form](#) by Friday May 16th 2025. We would like you to provide a synopsis of your proposed talk of about 500 words (300 for our younger speakers). We will be holding a live zoom discussion at 17.30 on Friday 25th May, if you would like to ask questions or learn more about the event. Please join using this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87928115831?pwd=Ng0w6bdT02j0YkYlPeZYEdB90dmVG.1> (Meeting ID: 879 281 1 5831, Passcode: 669292) If you are unable to join at this time, we will be recording it to watch at a later stage.

Please feel free to share these details with others who you think might be interested, or to email suggestions of speakers to TEDx@alleyns.org.uk.