

**Word Crackers! (ages 6–9):** Let your child discover his/her own superpowers! Your child will turn into a little superhero in this class and learn to speak with confidence. Through role play, fun games and improvisation techniques we develop communication skills to discover how fun it is to speak in front of people.

**Speech Strikers! (ages 10–14):** This program nurtures children's abilities to speak persuasively and with confidence, helping them to overcome the fear of speaking in front of a group. Students learn how to apply public speaking skills and adapt speeches while applying critical thinking. We focus on current topics of international importance, global leadership and speaking respectfully and with confidence on both sides of any issue.

**Great Debaters! (ages 15–18):** This introductory academic enrichment program is ideal for students who are or want to be on a debate team or to take part in Model United Nations or World Scholars international debate competitions. We help students become articulate and confident speakers, creative thinkers and good listeners who use language correctly.

### **DAI Public Speaking Competition**

This year will also mark the launch of a two-day **DAI Public Speaking Competition**, bringing the best young speakers from Heidelberg and surroundings together to engage in debates and cultural exchanges with a hefty dose of friendly rivalry. It will showcase the highest standard of public speaking, while giving participants an opportunity to meet and engage with other young people of different backgrounds and nationalities.