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WINNERS OF ROTARY YOUTH SPEAKS IN LONDON



Teaching parenting in schools was an issue raised by pupils from Putney High School as a possible solution to the current problems that are hitting the headlines with youth discipline and crime. The team of three pupils from Putney High School won the senior section of Rotary Youth Speaks District Finals on Sunday, 24th February.

Youngsters from Sylvia Youth Theatre School in Marylebone, who won the Intermediaries section, spoke about a very different topic "Are Diamonds a girl's best friend?"

School pupils from across the Greater London area and Essex took part in the district finals of the speaking competition, organised by Rotary in London.

Each team consisted of three members, a chairperson, a speaker and the other giving a vote of thanks.

This competition offers young people:

- an experience of speaking in public as a member of a team
- an incentive to formulate ideas on significant subjects
- the discipline of dealing with a topic in a limited time
- the impartial criticism and assessment of performance by experienced adjudicators
- the opportunity of learning and practising high standards of expression, presentation and appearance

The winners of the Intermediate and Senior sections of the District Final will go on to the Regional Final on 8 March 2008 at the Abington Hall Conference Centre, Granta Park, Great Abington, Near Cambridge.



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Details of the winning teams are below:

#### BEST SCHOOL TEAMS

Intermediate Competition  
Senior Competition

Sylvia Young Theatre School (Marylebone)  
Putney High School

#### BEST SPEAKERS:

Intermediate Competition  
Senior Competition

Poppy Friar  
Olivia Archibald

#### BEST CHAIRPERSONS:

Intermediate Competition  
Senior Competition

Tilak Parekh  
Zahava Lever.

#### BEST VOTE OF THANKS:

Intermediate Competition  
Seniors Competition

Bhavik Pankhania  
Sinead McVeigh

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