

Spellbound Talks

27 Cancell Road, London SW9 6HP tel. 07963 554651
www.spellboundtalks.co.uk email: info@spellboundtalks.co.uk

A selection of Spellbound speakers for Speech Day, Foundation Day, Prize giving Day, Special Assembly Speakers ...
For a full list and more ideas visit www.spellboundtalks.co.uk

Topical Issues high on the Governmental Agenda

Many speakers address current, topical issues, which are high up on Governmental agendas – issues such as global warming, water issues, population problems and environmental degradation.

Sir Crispin Tickell GCMG, KCVO, British Diplomat, environmentalist and academic is internationally recognised as being one of the world's foremost authority's on climate change. With his sharp intellect and his flair for conveying the most complex of issues in a convincing, straightforward and interesting way, he hits home the problems our vulnerable and fragile earth faces.

Paul Rose's credits as a BBC TV Presenter include: Meltdown, Voyages of Discovery, Take One Museum and 'Ocean' a new landmark series currently in production for BBC2. Paul is an extreme adventurer with a genuine love of science. As Base Commander for the British Antarctic Survey for 10 years, he has seen first hand what is happening to our fragile environment and is keen to share what he has learned with others. In a new talk, based on the keynote BBC climate change programme that Paul presents, he tells us what's really going on with our climate, and what it's going to mean for the future

Adventurous Talks

Speakers whose stories are based around a feat of physical endurance continue to inspire students long after they have returned home. They reveal how, with the right motivation and level of determination, 'ordinary' people can do extraordinary things.

Paul Deegan survived a car crash aged 15 which, statistically speaking should have rendered him dead. Realising how precarious and precious a life is, Paul promised himself that at the end of each day he would make sure that he could look back and say that he had enjoyed a great day. Paul has yet to break that promise... At the age of 17, Paul proposed an expedition to clean up the world's highest mountain. Following a stint as a high-altitude dustman on Everest, and by applying sheer grit and determination for years, he has gone on to climb and trek in the world's most beautiful and challenging places. A truly inspirational talk given by an extraordinarily motivated and talented expeditioner.

Rebecca Stephens, MBE is the first British woman to have climbed Everest - an achievement recognised around the world. Rebecca then went on to become the first English-speaking woman in the world to climb the Seven Summits, the highest mountain on each of the seven continents. With a passionate belief that every individual can achieve goals far beyond their wildest dreams, Rebecca inspires students to fulfil their own dreams.

Benedict Allen made television history when he pioneered the filming of journeys without a film-crew, and, for the first time allowed millions of people around the world to witness the progress of a solo expedition through inhospitable terrain. Audiences are captivated by an irresistible mix of intrepid adventure story punctuated by Benedict's honest and down to earth comment and observation about the peoples he has lived amongst, the landscapes he has traversed, the animals he has travelled with and, perhaps most beguilingly, the inner journey that has been his personal voyage of exploration for more than twenty years.

Spellbound Talks

27 Cancell Road, London SW9 6HP tel. 07963 554651
www.spellboundtalks.co.uk email: info@spellboundtalks.co.uk

Caroline Hamilton is a record-breaking polar explorer and a successful businesswoman. In June 2002, after 81 days and over 500 miles hauling sledges through appalling polar conditions, Caroline Hamilton and her team-mate, Ann Daniels, reached the North Pole and in so doing, they set two world records. Caroline shares her experiences and insights into human potential in speeches that are moving, humorous and inspirational to young people.

Stephen Venables is one of the most renowned mountain climbers in the world today. In 1988 he became the first Briton to climb Everest without oxygen. But the expedition was wrought with difficulties and danger. He survived a long, harrowing night on the mountain - an experience retold in his acclaimed book Everest – Alone at the Summit. Stephen's accounts of some of the journeys which have shaped his life are gripping, insightful, thoughtful and intelligent.

New! Themed Talks on China and Polar Regions

Next year heralds the start of the Beijing Olympics. With just over 250 days to go before the celebrations and competitions begin, it is timely to turn our thoughts to this vast economical and industrial power ...

Lars Tharp is probably best known for his appearances on the BBC's Antiques Road show. A seasoned traveller, he has prepared a new talk entitled the 'The Problem with China' in which he describes the early days of East-West relations, the occasionally comical episodes in the exchange of letters between King George III and the Qianlong Emperor, the subsequent collision of Empires and the emergence of the modern China. Be enlightened about China's past, present and future!

The United Nations has designated 2008/9 as 'International Year of the Polar Regions'. This heralds the launch of some major international research programmes, and serves to raise awareness of a highly topical international issue which, given the current climate change predictions, will affect every one of us. The following speakers are available to speak under this theme, and help raise awareness of our beautiful but fragile polar regions.

Ann Daniels is a polar explorer and was part of the first all women's team to ski to both Poles. She has joined Pen Hadow's high profile 'Vanco Arctic Survey', which will be the first expedition to measure the thickness of the North Pole ice-cap and determine how long it will be before the ice cap ceases to be a year round global feature. The team will return in June to present their conclusions, which will assist governments throughout the world to prepare for the consequences of its meltdown ...

Dr Martha Holmes is a long standing Series Producer for the BBC's Natural History Unit (NHU). She has worked on many award-winning series, including the much acclaimed 'Life in the Freezer' and 'Wildlife Special: Polar Bear'. She is now working on 'Life', which is due to be screened in 2009. Illustrated with superb footage, Martha describes what it is like to be a natural history producer in these fragile and beautiful environments. She reveals the highs and lows of wildlife film making and the lengths producers will go to ensure that the BBC's Natural History Unit continues to roll out ground-breaking, award-winning programmes.