

CHALLENGE!



Imagine you are a member of a student council. The school you attend has decided to invite up to two guest speakers to come and give talks to students about their lives. In the talks, the speakers will explain their dreams growing up, how they achieved them, and challenges they faced along the way.

The school hopes these speakers can act as role models and have a good influence on the students. Ideally, their speeches should be interesting, but also contain a positive message that will help students think about their own potential.

The school has given you responsibility for selecting the speakers. You have a maximum budget of \$2000, and can choose to spend it on either one or two speakers, depending on which speaker or speakers you think will best motivate the students.

On the next pages are profiles of the candidates. Use the information to decide who the school should invite. When the time is up, be ready to say who you picked, why, and how you arrived at your decision. Do not exceed your budget!

How you choose is up to you...



Guest Speaker A

Doctor Thomas Sharples

Doctor Thomas Sharples, now aged 76, is a pioneering surgeon and the inventor of the artificial heart valve.

When not working on the latest piece of medical technology, Dr. Sharples spends his time teaching at a top university, acting as mentor to the world's leading surgeons, and publishing reports on new surgical techniques.

Over his lifetime, Doctor Sharples has had a huge impact on the way that doctors around the world carry out surgery. He also has lots of fascinating (and grisly) stories to tell from the time he has spent in hospitals.

Speaking Fee: \$800

Guest Speaker B

Businessman James Fairfax

James Fairfax, aged 42, is a local businessman who owns a popular chain of martial arts schools. His business employs more than 100 people who work for him as coaches, administrative staff and caretakers at his clubs. He built this business from nothing, and knows all about the problems that new businesses face as they start to grow.

James Fairfax has two children, and in his youth, was a world-class karate champion. He has recently made a pledge to donate 20% of the profits from his business to reform local school libraries.

Speaking Fee: \$650



Guest Speaker C:

Actress Angelica Lombardi

Angelica Lombardi, aged 24, is an Oscar-winning actress and supermodel. She became famous as the lead character in a fantasy drama series that is loved by high school students all over the world. Many students dream of being like her, own notebooks with her character on the cover, and follow her every move on social media.

Ms. Lombardi has used her considerable wealth and fame to start her own charity, to help children with mental health issues.

Speaking Fee: \$2000

Guest Speaker D

Professor Jennifer Myers

Professor Jennifer Myers, aged 51, is an enthusiastic physics teacher at a university. She has written popular books helping to explain complex ideas about the universe to ordinary readers.

She regularly appears on TV to disprove fake science and says it is her mission to inspire more young people to become scientists. She has also contributed to research that helped prove the existence of dark matter.

Speaking Fee: \$1200

