

SPEECH AND DRAMA SECTION

Adjudicator:

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MONDAY 27th to THURSDAY 30th April 2026

At ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, BRIDGE STREET, DERBY DE1 1DY & DE1 3HZ

Qualifying date for “age” classes is 1st April 2026

Please note: own choice pieces should be suitable for a family audience- suitability of choice will be taken into consideration by the Adjudicator.

Acting pieces should be from a published play, a collection of published scenes or adapted from the dialogue of a published novel

Set pieces for the Verse Speaking can be accessed via the link to the syllabus:

Class	No	Fee	Age Group	Test Piece	Source	Trophy
Verse Speaking (from memory)	SD1	A	Year 1 and under	EITHER: “On the Beach” Michael Rosen OR: “When the Wind Blows” John Foster	Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar Compiled by John Foster Twinkle, Twinkle Chocolate Bar Compiled by John Foster	Trophy
Verse Speaking (from memory)	SD2	A	Year 2 and under	EITHER; “Granny Goat” Brian Moses OR: “Daddy Fell into the Pond” Alfred Noyes	Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar Compiled by John Foster Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems	Trophy
Verse Speaking (from memory)	SD3	A	Year 3 and under	EITHER: “The Sandwich” Tony Bradman OR: “First and Last” June Crebbin	Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar Compiled by John Foster Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems	Trophy

Verse Speaking (from memory)	SD4	A	Year 4 and under	EITHER:” Harrow on the Hill” John Betjeman OR: “Dolly on the Dustcart” Pam Ayres	I Like this Poem I Like this Poem	Old Vicarage Cup
Verse Speaking (from memory)	SD5	A	Year 5 and under	EITHER: Twenty Four Hours” Charles Causley OR: “Silly Old Baboon” Spike Milligan	Poems to Perform I Like this Poem	Amanda Jayne Cup
Verse Speaking (from memory)	SD6	A	Year 6 and under	EITHER; “The Way Through the Woods” Rudyard Kipling OR: “The Sound Collector” Roger McGough	I Like this Poem Poems to Perform	Stagecoach Cup
Verse Speaking (from memory)	SD7	B	Year 7 and under	One own choice. Time limit: 3 mins		Rona Laurie Cup
Verse Speaking (from memory)	SD8	B	Year 8 and under	One own choice. Time limit: 3 mins		Challenge Cup
Verse Speaking (from memory)	SD9	C	Open. Year 9 and over	One own choice. Time limit: 3 mins		Banks Cup
Rapping for Performance	SD10	B	14 years and under	To be delivered as a Rap. Use of percussive instruments, costume and props permitted		Special Certificate
Poetry for Group Performance	SD11	B	12 years and under	Own choice of a published poem spoken by at least two voices In unison although lines or phrases may be spoken by a solo voice or School smaller group. Time limit: 5mins		Sr Wystan Trophy
Poem Own Composition	SD12	B	Under 16 years	To be spoken by the author. Copy must be sent to the Honorary Secretary by 1 st April 2025		Poetry Society Cup
Prose Reading Prepared	SD13	B	10 years and under	Own Choice. Time limit:2 mins		Sonnet Cup
Prose Reading	SD14	B	14 years and under	Own Choice. Time limit: 3mins		Stevenson Shield

Prepared Prose Reading	SD15	C	15 years and over	Own Choice. Time limit: 3mins			Reading Shield
Prepared Prose Reading	SD16	B	13years and under	Chosen by the Adjudicator			Irene Slater Cup
Unprepared Prose Reading	SD17`	C	14 to 18 years	Chosen by the Adjudicator			Reading Trophy
Unprepared Bible Reading	SD18	A	10 years and under	Psalm19 Verses 1-11		Good News Bible	Haslam Shield
Prepared Bible Reading	SD19	A	11 to 14 years	1 Kings 19	Verses 1-12	Good News Bible	Bible Reading Cup
Prepared Bible Reading	SD20	B	15 years and over	Ruth 2	Verses 1-13	Good News Bible	Allsopp Rose Bowl
Mime Solo	SD21	B	10-14 years	Own Choice of subject. Time Limit: 2mins A chair is the only prop permitted			Mime Shield
Mime Solo	SD22`	C	15 years and over	Own choice of subject. Time limit: 3mins A chair is the only prop permitted			Mime Cup
Solo Acting from Shakespeare	SD23	C	Under 15 years	Own choice. Time limit: 3mins	Act and scene must be stated on Entry Form		Mitchell Cup
Solo Acting from Shakespeare	SD24`	C	15 years and over	Own Choice. Time limit: 3mins	Act and scene must be stated on entry form		Mitchell Cup 2
NB wrt Solo Acting NOT Shakespeare, scenes from plays are not covered by the Agreement with the Authors Licensing Collecting Society. Copyright must be sought and paid for at the time of entry							
Solo Acting NOT Shakespeare	SD25	A	10years and under	Own choice. Time limit: 3 mins. Title and author must must be stated on Entry Form			Old Vicarage Cup

Solo Acting NOT Shakespeare	SD26 A	11 and 12 years	Own choice. Time limit: 3 mins. Title and author must be stated on Entry Form	Star Cup
Solo Acting NOT Shakespeare	SD27 B	13 and 14 years	Own choice. Time limit: 3 mins Title and author must be stated on entry form	Eddowes Cup
Solo Acting NOT Shakespeare	SD28 C`	15 years and over	Own choice. Time limit: 3mins. Title and author must stated on entry form	Isabel Milner Cup
Solo Acting: LAMDA	SD29 A	10 years and under	One choice from current syllabus	Special Certificate
Solo Acting: LAMDA	SD30 B	!4 years and under	One choice from current syllabus	Special Certificate
Solo Acting; LAMDA	SD31 C	15 years and over	Own choice form current syllabus	Special Certificate
Duologue	SD32`B	!0 years and under	Own choice. Time limit :3 mins. Title and author must be stated on entry form	Wilson Shield
Duologue	SD33 C	!4 years and under	Own choice. Time limit 3mins. Title and author must be stated on entry form	DAPA Cup
Duologue	SD34 C	15 years and over	Own choice. Time limit: 4 mins Title and author must be stated on entry form	Cliffon Cup

The HELEN FRASER MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded for the highest mark obtained in the senior classes of the Speech and Drama Section. In the event off two performers having the highest mark, the one with the highest aggregated mark will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the adjudicator's decision is final

The LEONORA EYRE MEMORIAL CUP will be awarded to a highly promising all round performer (though not necessarily a class winner) under 18 years to be chosen by the Adjudicator

The GEORGIA CUP will be awarded to a highly promising performance in one or more of the following classes: solo acting, duologue and mime. The recipient, not necessarily a class winner, will be chosen by the Adjudicator

The WINIFRED COX will be awarded to the performer with the highest marks in the Solo Acting from Shakespeare classes

The MILNER READING SHIELD will be awarded to the performer with the highest mark in the two senior classes of the Prose Reading