

# **SPEECH and DRAMA SECTION**

*Adjudicator:*  
PETER DAYSON Cert Ed

MONDAY 29TH APRIL to THURSDAY 2ND MAY 2024  
In the St JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, BRIDGE STREET, DERBY DE1 1DY & DE1 3HZ

**Qualifying date for 'age' classes is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

*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.*

**Marks will be deducted for running over a time limit as set out below.**

*Copies of all set poems may be seen at the Riverside Library in The Council House, Derby. Please ask the Librarian and return all original copies.  
If there are problems please contact the Honorary Secretary.*

<b>Class</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Test Piece</b>	<b>Source</b>
<b>Verse Speaking</b> (from memory)	<b>SD1</b>	A	Year 1 and under	Either: 'Like an Animal' Joan Poulson  Or: 'Plasticine' Wendy Cope	Twinkle, Twinkle Chocolate Bar compiled by John Foster (Oxford University Press)
<b>Verse Speaking</b> (from memory)	<b>SD2</b>	A	Year 2 and under	Either: 'Magic Shoes' Brian Moses  Or: 'Fancy Me' Janet Paisley Henderson	Twinkle, Twinkle Chocolate Bar compiled by John Foster (Oxford University Press)

<b>Verse Speaking</b> (from memory)	<b>SD3</b>	A	Year 3 and under	Either: 'Nut Tree' Julia Donaldson  Or: 'Dad and the Cat and the Tree' Kit Wright	Poems to Perform (Macmillan Children's Books)  Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems (Puffin Books)
<b>Verse Speaking</b> (from memory)	<b>SD4</b>	A	Year 4 and under	Either: 'The Dinosaur's Dinner' June Crebbin  Or: 'Spells' James Reeves	Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems (Puffin Books)  Poems to Perform (Macmillan Children's Books)
<b>Verse Speaking</b> (from memory)	<b>SD5</b>	A	Year 5 and under	Either: 'The Shark' Lord Alfred Douglas  Or: 'Twenty-Four Hours' Charles Causley	I Like This Poem (Puffin)  Poems to Perform (Macmillan Children's Books)
<b>Verse Speaking</b> (from memory)	<b>SD6</b>	A	Year 6 and under	Either: 'The ABC' Spike Milligan  Or: 'I Know Someone' Michael Rosen	I Like This Poem (Puffin)  Poems to Perform (Macmillan Children's Books)

<b>Verse Speaking</b> (from memory)	<b>SD7</b>	B	Year 7 & Under	Either: '1 Like words' Steve Turner Or: 'The Letter' Andrew Fusek Peters	The Works 3 chosen by Paul Cookson (Macmillan)
<b>Verse Speaking</b> (from memory)	<b>SD8</b>	B	Year 8 & Under	One own choice Time limit: 3 minutes	
<b>Verse Speaking</b> (from memory)	<b>SD9</b>	B	Year 9 & Under	One own choice Time limit: 3 minutes	
<b>Verse Speaking</b> (from memory)	<b>SD10</b>	C	14 – 16 years	One own choice Time limit: 3 minutes	
<b>Verse Speaking</b> (from memory)	<b>SD11</b>	C	16 years & Over	One own choice Time limit: 3 minutes	
<b>Choral Speaking</b>	<b>SD12</b>	B	12 years and under	Own choice of a published poem spoken by at least two voices in unison although lines or phrases maybe spoken by a solo voice or smaller group. Time limit 5 minutes	

Spoken English for those with Learning Differences	SD13	C	18 years and over	One own choice verse or prose. Time limit 2 minutes	
Poem Own Composition	SD14	B	Under 16 years	To be spoken by the author. Copy <b>MUST</b> be sent to the Honorary Secretary by <b>1<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b>	
Prose Reading Prepared	SD15	A	Under 10 years	Own choice. Time limit 2 minutes	
Prose Reading Prepared	SD16	A	10 and 11 years	Own choice. Time limit 2 minutes	
Prose Reading Prepared	SD17	B	12 and 13 years	Own choice. Time limit 3 minutes	
Prose Reading Prepared	SD18	B	14 and 15 years	Own choice. Time limit 3 minutes	
Prose Reading Prepared	SD29	C	16 years and over	Own choice. Time limit 3 minutes	
Prose Reading Unprepared	SD20	A	13 years and under	Chosen by the adjudicator	
Prose Reading Unprepared	SD21	B	14 to 18 years	Chosen by the adjudicator	
				<i>NB wrt Bible section: bibles must be used in all classes. No photocopies of any sort allowed</i>	
Bible Reading Prepared	SD22	A	10 years and under	Psalm 23	Good News Bible

<b>Bible Reading Prepared</b>	<b>SD23</b>	A	11 to 14 years	1 Kings 19, verses 1-15	Good News Bible
<b>Bible Reading Prepared</b>	<b>SD24</b>	B	15 years and over	Isaiah 40, verses 1-11	Good News Bible
<b>Mime Solo</b>	<b>SD25</b>	B	10 to 14 years	Own choice of subject. Time limit 2 minutes. A chair is the only prop permitted	
<b>Mime Solo</b>	<b>SD26</b>	C	15 years and over	Own choice of subject. Time limit 3 minutes. A chair is the only prop permitted	
<b>Solo Acting from Shakespeare</b>	<b>SD27</b>	B	Under 15 years	Own choice. Time limit 3 minutes. Act and scene <b>MUST</b> be stated on Entry Form	
<b>Solo Acting from Shakespeare</b>	<b>SD28</b>	C	15 years and over	Own choice. Time limit 3 minutes. Act and scene <b>MUST</b> be stated on Entry Form	
				<i>NB wrt Solo Acting NOT Shakespeare: scenes from plays are not covered by the agreement with the Authors</i>	

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<b>Solo Acting NOT Shakespeare</b>	<b>SD29</b>	A	10 years and under	Own choice. Time limit 3 minutes. Title and author <b>MUST</b> be stated on Entry Form	
<b>Solo Acting NOT Shakespeare</b>	<b>SD30</b>	A	11 and 12 years	Own choice. Time limit 3 minutes. Title and author <b>MUST</b> be stated on Entry Form	
<b>Solo Acting NOT Shakespeare</b>	<b>SD31</b>	B	13 and 14 years	Own choice. Time limit 3 minutes. Title and author <b>MUST</b> be stated on Entry Form	
<b>Solo Acting NOT Shakespeare</b>	<b>SD32</b>	C	15 years and over	Own choice. Time limit 3 minutes. Title and author <b>MUST</b> be stated on Entry Form	
				<i>NB wrt Duologues: 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</i>	

				<i>of entry</i>	
<b>Duologue</b>	<b>SD33</b>	B	10 years and under	Own choice. Time limit 3 minutes. Title and author <b>MUST</b> be stated on Entry Form	
<b>Duologue</b>	<b>SD34</b>	B	11 and 12 years	Own choice. Time limit 3 minutes. Title and author <b>MUST</b> be stated on Entry Form	
<b>Duologue</b>	<b>SD35</b>	C	13 and 14 years	Own choice. Time limit 4 minutes. Title and author <b>MUST</b> be stated on Entry Form	
<b>Duologue</b>	<b>SD36</b>	D	15 years and over	Own choice. Time limit 4 minutes. Title and author <b>MUST</b> be stated on Entry Form	
<b>Devised Drama</b>	<b>SD37</b>	F	14 years and over	Prepared improvisation for between 4 and 10 people. Own choice, scene/title. Time between 5 and 15 minutes (max)	

<b>Themed Performance</b>	<b>SD38</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>15 years and over</b>	For 3 or more people, to include at least <b>THREE</b> of the following: acting, verse speaking, mime, improvisation, choral speaking, prose reading. Time limit 10 minutes	
<b>Scene from a published, scripted play</b>	<b>SD39</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Open</b>	Three characters minimum. Time limit maximum 15 minutes. Indication of character only using minimum props and costume as no dressing rooms available. A copy of the scene <b>MUST</b> be sent to the Honorary Secretary by 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020. <b>Please see above wrt copyright</b>	

*The HELEN FRASER MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded for the highest mark obtained in the senior classes of the Speech and Drama Section excluding the Scene from a Play, Devised Drama and Themed Performance. In the event of 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 IRENE RUBENSTEIN CUP will be awarded (at the Adjudicator's discretion) for the best performance by a player of 21 years or over in the Scene from a Play.*

*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 performer 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 CUP 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.*