



City of Plymouth Festival

**108th Speech & Drama Festival
12th to 17th November 2023**

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International Business Park
1 William Prance Rd
Plymouth PL6 5ZD**

SPEECH & DRAMA SYLLABUS

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This year the items chosen by the Adjudicator have been selected from

Ref 1: The Works 3

Ref2: A First Poetry Book Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan

Ref3: The Puffin Book of Modern Children's Verse edited by Brian Patten

Ref4: The Poetry Book by Fiona Waters

SPEECH AND DRAMA SECTION

SOLO VERSE SPEAKING

Class

S1 5 Years and under
My Favourite Nursery Rhyme (Own choice)

The Sam Holmes Trophy

S10 14 years only **The Sanders Cup**

Either (a) “The Apple-Raid” by Vernon Scannell

or (b) “Never Since Eden” by Raymond Wilson

S11 15 years only **The Daniel Roberts Cup**

Either (a) “Angels” by Jan Dean

or (b) “The City People Meet Themselves” by Rosanne Flynn

The Hayley Richards Cup is awarded for the highest mark in Classes S1-S11 inclusive

NOVICE VERSE SPEAKING

Open to anyone that has not entered a Speech & Drama Festival before.

S12 Under 9 years **The Zoe Vigus Cup**
Own Choice - Any poem or lines from a poem - Not to exceed 3 minutes

S13 9 Years to 10 years inclusive **The Beau McCarty Cup**
Own Choice- Any poem or lines from a poem – Not to exceed minutes
The Joyce Baker Memorial Cup

S14 11 years to 14 Years inclusive
Own Choice – Any poem or lines from a poem _ not to exceed 3 minutes

S15 15 - 18 years inclusive **The Joshua McCarty Cup**
Own Choice - Any poem or lines from a poem - Not to exceed 3 minutes

SOLO VERSE SPEAKING continued ...

S16 Under 8 years **The Sainsbury Cup**
Own Choice – not to exceed 3 minutes

S17 8years to 9 years inclusive **The Sally Russell Memorial Cup**
Own Choice – not to exceed 3 minutes

S18 10 years to 11years inclusive **The Jodie Falcus Cup**
Own Choice – not to exceed 3 minutes

S19 12years to 14 years **The Don Collins Charity Cup**
Own Choice – not to exceed 3 minutes

S20 13 years & under - Lyrical Verse **The Norma Blake Trophy for Lyrical Verse**
Own Choice - Not to exceed 3 minutes

S21 11 years & under 15 **The Knapman Cup**
Own Choice - Any poem or lines from a poem by
(a) Brian Moses or

(b) Paul Cookson

Not to exceed 3 minutes

- S22 15 years & under 18 **Society Cup No. 17**
Own Choice - Any poem or lines from a poem by
(a) Vernon Scannell or
(b) Carol Ann Duffy Not to exceed 4 minutes
- S23 14 years & under 18 **The Jill Williams Award**
Own Choice - Any poem or lines from a poem -
Not to exceed 4 minutes
- S24 OPEN **The Quinn Cup**
Own Choice - Any poem or lines from a poem by
(a) Elizabeth Jennings or
(b) Sylvia Plath
Not to exceed 4 minutes
- S25 Open **The Brunel Cup**
Own Choice - Any poem or lines from a poem - Not to exceed 4 minutes

The Jimmy Barrett Cup is awarded for the highest mark in Classes S21 – S25 inclusive

HUMOROUS VERSE

- S26 7 years & under **The Anna Bryant Memorial Cup**
Own Choice - One poem or lines from one poem - Not to exceed 2 minutes
- S27 8 & 9 years **The Joyce Blake Memorial Cup**
Own Choice - One poem or lines from one poem - Not to exceed 2 minutes
- S28 10 & 11 years **The Victoria Love Trophy**
Own Choice - One poem or lines from one poem - Not to exceed 3 minutes
- S29 12 & 13 years **The Ellie Conrad-Leigh Cup**
Own Choice - One poem or lines from one poem - Not to exceed 3 minutes
- S30 14 & 15 years **Society Shield 'A'**
Own Choice - One poem or lines from one poem - Not to exceed 3 minutes

The Stagecoach Theatre Arts Cup is awarded for the highest mark in all Humorous Verse Classes S26- S30 inclusive

SONNET

- S31 Under 18 years **The Wiltun Cup**
Own Choice

SONNET RECITAL

- S32 Open **The Margaret Bailey Cup**
(a) From "XIX" by William Shakespeare and
(b) "Boats at Night" by Edward Shanks and
(c) Own Choice

RECITAL CLASS

A programme designed to cover 20 minutes, from the works of any Poet, to be prepared and submitted to the Speech & Drama Secretary not later than the 20th October. Competitors will be expected to speak from memory one poem or excerpt from a poem of Own Choice, not to exceed 3 minutes and to read another chosen by the Adjudicator from the programme submitted. Quality and balance of programme will be taken into account. The competitor will also be asked to give the audience a short appreciation of the Poet's work and style. Time limit for complete performance by each competitor - 9 minutes.

- S33 16 years and over Festival Cup 1

MEMORISED RECITAL OF VERSE & PROSE

Arrangement and Theme of Own Choice - Time limit 7 minutes.

- S34 14 years and over

MEMORISED PROSE SPEAKING

Own Choice - to include a short introduction within the time limit.

- S35 8 years & under - Time limit 2 minutes **The Emma Pook Plaque**
S36 9 years & under 12 - Time limit 3 minutes **The Frances Griffiths Cup**
S37 12 years & under 16 - Time limit 3 minutes **The Morgan Cup**
S38 16 years & under 18 - Time limit 3 minutes **The Marie Marriott Cup**
S39 OPEN - Time limit 3 ½ minutes **The Plymouth Trophy-Man Cup (Speech)**

PROSE READING

Prepared Prose Reading, to include a short introduction within the time limit. A copy of the prepared reading must be provided for the Adjudicator.

- S40 Under 9 Years **The Nelder Cup**
Own Choice not to exceed 2 1/2 minutes
S41 9 years and under 12 years **The Bill Starling Memorial Trophy**
From "The Children of Green Knowe" by Lucy M. Boston
Or "My Dad's a Birdman" by David Almond

Not to exceed 2 ½ minutes (including introduction)

S42 12 years & under 15 **The Lisa Kay Trophy**

From “The Railway Children” by E. Nesbitt

Or “When the Sky Falls” by Phil Earle

Not to exceed 3 minutes (including introduction)

S43 15 years and under 18

From “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens

or “Boy at the Top of the Mountain” by John Boyne

Not to exceed 3 ½ minutes (including introduction)

S44 18 years but under 60

From “David Copperfield” by Charles Dickens

or “Hamnet” by Maggie O’Farrell

S45 over 60 years

From “Vile Bodies” by Evelyn Waugh

Or “Winter” by Christopher Nicholson

Not to exceed 3 ½ minutes

Society Shield ‘B’ is awarded for the highest mark in Classes S43 and 45

DICKENS READING

S46 Under 18 years - Own Choice - Not to exceed 4 minutes

S47 OPEN - Own Choice - Not to exceed 4 minutes

The Dickens Fellowship Cup is awarded for the highest mark in Classes S46 and S47

PREPARED BIBLE READING

From either the Authorised Version or the Jerusalem Bible

S48 Under 9 years **The Challenge Cup**

Gospel according to St Matthew chapter 8 verses 24-28

FROM either Authorised Version or the Jerusalem Bible

S49 9 years & under 12 **The Palmer Greenwood Cup**

Gospel according to St Mark Chapter 8 verses 1-10

S50 12 years & under 15 **The Ipplepen Cup**

Gospel according St Mark chapter 5 verses 35-43

S51 15 years & under 18 **Society Cup No. 8**

Acts Chapter 12 verses 6-17

S52 18 Years but under 60
Gospel according to St Luke Chapter 5 verses 1-12

S53 Over 60 years
Proverbs 8 Verses 23-37

**The Distin Cup is awarded for the highest mark in all Bible Reading Classes
S48 – S53 inclusive**

TELEVISION NEWS READER

Set - Table & Chair. The news bulletin will be given to competitors 10 minutes before the Class begins. Brief notes may be made.

S54 15 years & under **The Kilmar Cup**

S55A 16 years & over **The Laurence Massey Memorial Cup**

S55B Open

SIGHT READING

The competitor will read at sight a passage provided by the Adjudicator.

S56 10 years and under **The Grace Ivory Cup**

S57 11 years & under 15 **The Natasha Husband Rose Bowl**

S58 15 years & under 18 **The Philippa Smith Trophy**

S59 OPEN

**The Dale Cup - presented by Joan Warren - is awarded for the
highest mark in all Sight Reading Classes S56 to S59 inclusive**

LETTER READING

A reading of an Own Choice selection of letters - real or fictional - from any book or books. Time limit 7 minutes.

S60 12 years & under 18 **The Lisa Spray Trophy**

S61 OPEN

The Quinn Cup

IMPROMPTU STORY TELLING

Three objects to be shown to the competitors by the Adjudicator, 10 minutes before the Class begins. The story is to incorporate all three objects. Time limit maximum 3 minutes.

S62 11 years and under

The Norma Blake Cup

S63 12-15 years

PERSONAL PROJECT

To give a talk on a topic of Own Choice, which may be a hobby or an activity, with the use of any suitable visual aid, exhibit, model, picture, diagram, musical instrument, etc. if necessary. Time limit 3 minutes.

S64 10 & 11 years

The Rose Georgina Cup

S65 12 years & under 16

The M.J.B. Trophy

SOLO ACTING

EXCERPT FROM A PLAY.** Costumes should not be worn though long practice skirt which give freedom of movement may be used together with small items such as scarves, hats, shawls, gloves, canes etc. Hand props are permitted. Violation of this rule may result in **NO MARK BEING GIVEN

***MONOLOGUE** A Speech not from a Play/Film/Book (A standalone piece with a Beginning middle and end) (please speak to Speech secretary if further clarification is needed)*

S66A 8 years and under From A Play not to exceed 3 minutes

S66B 8 years & under Monologue not to exceed 3 minutes **The Fiona Blake Trophy**

S67A 11 years and under From a Play not to exceed 3 minutes

S67B 11years & under Monologue not to exceed 3 minute
The Blanche Starling Trophy

S68 12 years & under 15 From a Play not to exceed 3 minutes
The Kalani Guswell Cup

S69 12years & under 15 Monologue not to exceed 3 minutes

S70 15 years & under 18 From a Play not to exceed 5 minutes
The Hollie Goodall Trophy

S71 15years & under 18 Monologue not to exceed 5 minutes

S72 Open From a Play Not to exceed 5 minutes **The T.K Stevens Trophy**

S73 Open Monologue not to exceed 5 minutes

SHAKESPEARE

Costumes should not be worn though long practice skirts may be used together with small items such as scarves, hats, shawls, gloves, canes etc. Hand props are permitted.

S74 12 Years and under 15 years The Rebecca Harold Cup

Own Choice – Positively not to exceed 5 minutes

S75 15 years & under 18 The Sadler Cup

Own Choice - Positively not to exceed 5 minutes

S76 OPEN The Society Shakespeare Cup

Own Choice - Positively not to exceed 5 minutes

The Daniel Goode Trophy is awarded for the highest aggregate in Classes S70 & S75

The Samantha Phillips Cup is awarded for the highest mark attained in all Solo Acting or Shakespeare Classes S66 to S76 inclusive

SOLO MIME *Music without words may be used.*

S77 Under 12 years The Peter Thompson Memorial Cup

Own Choice – Positively not to exceed 3 minutes

S78 12 years & under 15 The Vallance Cup

Own Choice - Positively not to exceed 4 minutes

S79 15 years & over The Anderson Cup

Own Choice – Positively not to exceed 4 minutes

The Stagecoach Theatre Arts Award is awarded for the highest aggregate mark in Classes S66 & S77

The Lindsay Clarke Aggregate Cup is awarded for the highest aggregate mark in Classes S68 & S78

DUOLOGUES - ACTING

Own Choice - Positively not to exceed 5 minutes. Costumes should not be worn though long practice skirts may be used together with small items such as scarves, hats, shawls, gloves, canes etc. Hand props are permitted.

S80A 8 years and under

S80B 12 years & under The Christopher Edwards Memorial Trophy

S81 15 years & under The Raleigh Cup

S82 Under 18 years The Pickard Cups (2)

S83 Open The Mary Sims Memorial Cups

DUOLOGUES - POETIC

Own Choice - Positively not to exceed 5 minutes. No costumes.

S84 8 years and under

The Festival Duologue Cup

S85 9 – 10 years

The Acting Up Trophy

S86 11-16 years

The Festival Poetic Duologue Trophy

S87 Open

DUOLOGUES - MIME

Own Choice. Music without words may be used

S88 Under 12 years - Time limit 3 minutes

The Festival Duo Mime Cup

S89 Over 12 years - Time limit 4 minutes

The Gilbert Mime Trophy

POETRY SPEAKING (Min 3 max 6 in Group)

S90 Under 11 years

Own Choice
not to exceed 4 minutes

S91 11years to 14 years incl

Own Choice
not to exceed 4 minutes

CHORAL SPEAKING

A minimum of 7 is required per Group. No properties allowed.

S92 10 years & under

The Blenheim Trophy

Either (a) “One Dark Night” by Richard Edwards

Or (b) “Maggie and the Dinosaur” by Dave Ward

and One contrasting Own Choice piece
Not to exceed a total time of 7 minutes

S93 12 years & under

The Notre Dame Preparatory School Plymouth Trophy

Either (a) “The Dreadful Story of Janet” by Jan Struther

Or (b) “High Flyers” by Brian Moses

and One contrasting Own Choice piece
Not to exceed a total time of 7 minutes

S94 14 years & under

Either (a) “ Hide and Seek” by Vernon Scannell
Or (b) “The Listeners” by Walter De La Mare

and One contrasting Own Choice piece
Not to exceed a total time of 8 minutes

S95 Open

Two contrasting Own Choice pieces
Not to exceed a total time of 8 minutes

**The Plymouth Trophy-Man Trophy
is awarded for the highest mark in all Choral Speaking Classes S92 to S95 inclusive**

GROUP MIME

Any number between 5 and 10 inclusive. Music without words may be used.

S96 Under 12 years - Time limit 5 minutes

S97 Open - Time limit 5 minutes

**The Group Mime Cup
is awarded for the highest mark in Classes S96 and S97**

PUBLIC SPEAKING - SOLO

Time limit 5 minutes on a subject of Own Choice.

S98 Under 14 years The Kelly College Cup

S99 14 years & under 16 The Francis Lockwood Cup

S100 16 years & under 18

S101 Open

The Barrett Drama Trophy is awarded for the highest mark in Classes 584 - 587 inclusive

PUBLIC SPEAKING - IMPROMPTU

Time limit 3 minutes. To speak on a subject given to the competitor by the Adjudicator 10 minutes before the Class begins. Brief notes may be made.

S102 Under 18 years

S103 Open

PUBLIC SPEAKING - TEAM

Time limit 10 minutes. A team of three speakers, comprising a Chairman, Main Speaker and a Mover of a Vote of Thanks. Subject to be of Speakers' Own Choice and the time to be used at the discretion of the team. Questions to be invited from members of the audience. The Vote of Thanks to be given from the body of the audience.

S104 Under 18 years

S105 Open

Society Shield No. 2 is awarded for the highest mark in Classes S104 and S105

ORIGINAL COMPOSITION - VERSE

All entries must be the original and unaided work of the competitors. Maximum length 40 lines. Competitors must send in two copies of their work to the Hon. Speech & Drama Secretary not later than the 10th October. The Adjudication will be given on the written work. The Adjudicator may invite Competitors to read their work at the time of adjudication.

S106 12 years & under **The Guy Nuttall Memorial Cup**

S107 13 years & under 18 **The Geoff Nuttall Cup**

S108 Open **The Nuttall Trophy**

ORIGINAL COMPOSITION - STORY

All entries must be the original and unaided work of the competitors. A script to be prepared of not less than 500 words and not more than 1000 words of an original story, on a subject of the author's Own Choice. Competitors must send in two copies of their work to the Hon. Speech & Drama Secretary, not later than the 10th October.

S109 12 years & under **The Sheila Gregory Cup**

S110 13 years & under 18 **The Barrett Family Cup**

S111 Open

GROUP ACTING

Groups of under six time limit five minutes not in costume practice skirts which allow freedom of movement may be worn and small hand props used e,g scarves, hats, shawls gloves , canes etc.

S112 8 years to under10 years

S113 10 years to under14 years

S114 14 years to 16 years

S115 OPEN (Any age up to 18 years) **The City of Plymouth Festival Cup**

C.A.T.S. cup for the highest mark in classes S112 TO S115

SOLO SPONTANEOUS IMPROVISATION

Time limit 2minutes Spontaneous Improvisation to a theme given by the Adjudicator. Candidates will be given the theme one minute before perform

S116 9 years to 11 years

S117 12 years to under 14 years

GROUP POETRY

S118 Group Poetry with Actions

OPEN Own Choice

MUSICAL THEATRE

Character in Song:- The performers introduce the song and characters and explain how the song fits into the plot of the show. They then act a short scene leading into the singing of the song. Performers must provide their own musical backing CD and OBSERVE the rules on costume and props. (COSTUME RULE REMINDER. Costumes should not be worn though long practice which give freedom of movement may be used together with small items such as scarves, shawls, gloves etc. Hand props are permitted. Violation of this rule may result in NO MARK BEING GIVEN

Own Choice
Time limit 5 mins

S119 10 years and under

S120 11years – 14years

S121 15years – 18 years

S122 Open

NEW CLASS

S123 POETRY READING OPEN
Own Choice Poem
Not to exceed 3 mins

(The Performer should talk about the Poem they have chosen before reading it)

The Stagecoach Theatre Arts Shield is awarded for the highest mark in Classes S109 – S111 inclusive

ADDITIONAL AWARDS - SPEECH & DRAMA

THE BARRETT MEMORIAL CUP

Awarded for the most promising competitor under 12 years of age, to be the Adjudicator's choice.

PENELOPE CHARTERIS CUP

Awarded for the most promising competitor aged 12 years & under 18, to be the Adjudicator's choice.

LORNA GRIGGS TROPHY FOR COMEDY TIMING

This award will encompass ALL Classes where there is any form of Comedy - whether Humorous Verse, Prose, Duologue, Acting, etc. The award to be the Adjudicator's choice.*

THE GERALD NICHOLAS CUP

Awarded to the most promising actor/actress under 30 in the Festival

The award to be the Adjudicators Choice

*The Adjudicator may consider it necessary to recall a competitor or competitors to perform their chosen piece once more before his/her decision is finalised. This will take place on the Saturday evening before the presentation of the Trophy.