



## Speech and Drama

Selected performers from the Junior Speech & Drama classes will be eligible to compete for the Jane Whitbread Cup and selected performers from the Senior Speech and Drama Classes will be eligible to compete for the Borough of Bedford Challenge Bowl at the Gala Concert in the evening of Saturday 8th March. Performers will be notified before the event if they have been selected to perform and should hold themselves available to compete if asked. Those who perform at the Gala Concert qualify to be considered for the Woodfine Lousada Speech and Drama Sponsorship Prize of £250. This is awarded to the most outstanding Speech and Drama performance at the Gala Concert.

Performers of 'own choice' pieces are responsible for any royalties payable. Titles and writers' details must be submitted by 1st December with the entry. For Year 10 & Over classes, a copy for the adjudicator should be sent to The Festival Secretary at 76 Willington Road, Cople, MK44 3TN by 1st February. For Year 9 & Under classes, a copy of the text for 'own choice' pieces must be supplied for the adjudicator's use and handed to the Performers' Steward ten minutes before the class begins. Performers not providing a copy for the adjudicator as outlined above, will be permitted to perform and will receive written comments, but the performance may not be marked or be eligible for any prize.

### Verse Speaking

Please note: The 'own choice' selections presented in Verse Solo, Verse Duet and Group Verse Speaking Classes should not be taken from plays, novels or song lyrics and must be by a published author. Emphasis in all verse solo classes must be on the spoken word, no props may be used. Selections must not be included in any current examination syllabus.

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| <b>Class 297</b> | <b>Verse Speaking Solo - Year R; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of my favourite poem<br>(Time limit 3 minutes)  |
| <b>Class 298</b> | <b>Verse Speaking Solo - Year 1; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a poem on the theme <i>Animals</i><br>(Time limit 3 minutes)                         |
| <b>Class 299</b> | <b>Verse Speaking Solo - Year 2; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a poem on the theme <i>Wizards, Witches and Magic</i><br>(Time limit 3 minutes)      |
| <b>Class 300</b> | <b>Verse Speaking Solo - Year 3; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a poem on the theme <i>School</i><br>(Time limit 3 minutes)                          |
| <b>Class 301</b> | <b>Verse Speaking Solo - Year 4; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a poem on the theme <i>Dragons, Unicorns and Dinosaurs</i><br>(Time limit 3 minutes) |

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- Class 302 Verse Speaking Solo - Year 5; entry fee £10.00**  
Own choice of a poem on the theme *Family Life*  
(Time limit 3 minutes)
- Class 303 Verse Speaking - Year 6; entry fee £10.00**  
Own choice of a poem on the theme *All things scary*  
(Time limit 3 minutes)
- Class 304 Verse Speaking Solo - Year 7; entry fee £10.00**  
Own choice of a poem on the theme *Friend or Foe*  
(Time limit 3 minutes)  
A Festival Cup
- Class 305 Verse Speaking Solo - Year 8; entry fee £10.00**  
Own choice of a poem on the theme *People*  
(Time limit 3 minutes)  
The Elocution Cup
- Class 306 Verse Speaking Solo - Year 9; entry fee £10.00**  
Own choice of a poem on the theme *The Elements*  
(Time limit 4 minutes)  
A Festival Cup
- Class 307 Verse Speaking Solo - Year 10-11; entry fee £10.00**  
Own choice of a poem  
(Time limit 5 minutes)  
The Mrs K Perfitt Cup
- Class 308 Verse Speaking Solo - Year 12 & over; entry fee £10.00**  
Own choice of a poem  
(Time limit 5 minutes)  
The Sabena Manjusri Chadwick Cup
- Class 309 Verse Speaking Solo - any age; entry fee £10.00**  
Own choice of a sonnet  
(Time limit 4 minutes)  
The Mrs A Perkins Cup



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## **Verse Speaking - Duets**

The emphasis in all verse duet classes must be on the spoken word.

**Class 310 Verse Speaking Duet - Year 4 & under; entry fee £15.00**  
Own choice of a poem to be presented by two performers  
Unison speaking not essential  
(Time limit 3 minutes)

**Class 311 Verse Speaking Duet - Year 5; entry fee £15.00**  
Own choice of a poem to be presented by two performers  
Unison speaking not essential  
(Time limit 3 minutes)

**Class 312 Verse Speaking Duet - Year 6; entry fee £15.00**  
Own choice of a poem to be presented by two performers  
Unison speaking not essential  
(Time limit 4 minutes)  
The Henry Burridge Cup

**Class 313 Verse Speaking Duet - Year 7; entry fee £15.00**  
Own choice of a poem to be presented by two performers  
Unison speaking not essential  
(Time limit 6 minutes)  
The Mr & Mrs D W Worden Cups

**Class 314 Verse Speaking Duet - Year 8; entry fee £15.00**  
Own choice of a poem to be presented by two performers  
Unison speaking not essential  
(Time limit 6 minutes)  
The Cyril Osborn & Joan Osborn Cups

**Class 315 Verse Speaking Duet - Year 9-10; entry fee £15.00**  
Own choice of a poem to be presented by two performers  
Unison speaking not essential  
(Time limit 6 minutes)  
A Festival Cup

**Class 316 Verse Speaking Duet - Year 11 & over; entry fee £15.00**  
Own choice of a poem to be presented by two performers  
Unison speaking not essential  
(Time limit 6 minutes)  
A Festival Cup

**Class 317 Verse Speaking Duet - any combination of ages; entry fee £15.00**  
Own choice of a poem to be presented by two performers  
Unison speaking not essential. This class is open to adult and junior performers.  
(Time limit 6 minutes)



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## **Dramatic Solos, Duologues and Dramatic Scenes**

In classes 318 to 330 and 402-403 costume should not be worn, although long practice skirts may be worn together with small items such as hats and shawls. Token properties may be used. The use of naked flames is prohibited. Scenes should be from published plays, film scripts or TV scripts or, alternatively, adaptations from books may be used. Monologues and duologues may be used but scenes written for a particular performer or included in any current exam syllabus are not acceptable. Scenes from Shakespeare may not be performed in classes 318 to 327.

Teachers and performers are requested to be aware of the sensitivity of the audience regarding the content of the scenes. Language likely to cause offence **MUST NOT** be included. Subject matter and language should comply with the Festival's Safeguarding and Equal Opportunity Policies. Performances may be stopped if deemed unsuitable.



Performers are asked to take note of the time limits in these classes. The time taken for introductions and setting and striking of props is included within these limits. Performances that are over time will receive adjudicator comments only and will not be placed.

### **Class 318      Dramatic Solo - Year 5-6; entry fee £10.00**

Own choice of a scene  
(Time limit 3 minutes)

### **Class 319      Dramatic Solo - Year 7-8; entry fee £10.00**

Own choice of a scene  
(Time limit 4 minutes)  
A Festival Cup

### **Class 320      Dramatic Solo - Year 9-10; entry fee £10.00**

Own choice of a scene  
(Time limit 5 minutes)  
A Festival Cup

### **Class 321      Dramatic Solo - Year 11 & over; entry fee £13.00**

Own choice of a scene  
(Time limit 6 minutes)  
The Helen Walker Memorial Cup

### **Class 322      Duologues - Year 5-6; entry fee £15.00**

Own choice of a scene  
(Time limit 5 minutes)

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**Class 323 Duologues - Year 7-8; entry fee £15.00**

Own choice of a scene

(Time limit 6 minutes)

**Class 324 Duologues - Year 9-10; entry fee £15.00**

Own choice of a scene

(Time limit 7 minutes)

The Helen Walker Cup

**Class 325 Duologues - Year 11 & over; entry fee £15.00**

Own choice of a scene

(Time limit 7 minutes)

The Soroptimist International of Bedford Trophy

**Class 326 Duologues - Any combination of ages; entry fee £15.00**

Own choice of a scene. This class is open to both adult and junior performers.

(Time limit 8 minutes)

A Festival Cup

**Class 327 Dramatic Scene - Year 5-7; entry fee £22.00**

Own choice of a scene for three or more performers

(Time limit 10 minutes)

The H J C Colson Memorial Trophy

**Class 328 Dramatic Scene - Year 8-10; entry fee £22.00**

Own choice of a scene for three or more performers

(Time limit 8 minutes)

A Festival Cup

**Class 329 Dramatic Scene - Year 11 & over; entry fee £22.00**

Own choice of a scene for three or more performers

(Time limit 10 minutes)

The Rotary Club Bowl

## **Shakespeare**

**Class 330 Shakespeare Solo - Year 8-10; entry fee £10.00**

An extract from any Shakespeare play

(Time limit 4 minutes)

A Festival Cup

**Class 331 Shakespeare Solo - Year 11 & over; entry fee £13.00**

An extract from any Shakespeare play

(Time limit 5 minutes)

The Frank Richards Trophy

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**Class 332      Shakespeare Duologue – Years 8 to 10; entry fee £15.00**

An extract from any Shakespeare play

(Time limit 7 minutes)

The Shakespeare at The George Cups

**Class 333      Shakespeare Duologue – Year 11 and over; entry fee £15.00**

An extract from any Shakespeare play

(Time limit 7 minutes)

The Shakespeare at The George Cups

**Group Creative Performance**

**Class 340      Creative Performance - Year 7 & under; entry fee £24.00**

Groups to devise a piece of work on a theme of their own choice.

(Time limit for groups of 10 or less is 10 minutes)

(Time limit for groups of 11 or more is 15 minutes)

A Festival Cup

**Class 341      Creative Performance - Year 8-10; entry fee £24.00**

Groups to devise a piece of work on a theme of their own choice.

(Time limit for groups of 10 or less is 10 minutes)

(Time limit for groups of 11 or more is 15 minutes)

The Scoyne Bowden Challenge Shield

**Class 342      Creative Performance - Year 11 & over; entry fee £29.50**

Groups to devise a piece of work on a theme of their own choice.

(Time limit for groups of 10 or less is 10 minutes)

(Time limit for groups of 11 or more is 15 minutes)

A Festival Shield

**Class 343      Creative Performance – any combination of ages; entry fee £29.50**

Groups to devise a piece of work on a theme of their own choice.

(Time limit for groups of 10 or less is 10 minutes)

(Time limit for groups of 11 or more is 15 minutes)



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## **Group Poem**

*In classes 345-350 costume should not be worn although long practice skirts may be worn together with small items such as hats and shawls. Token properties may be used.*

### **Class 345      Group Poem - Any combination of ages - entry fee £22.00**

The group to present a poem of their own choice. Movement is permitted.  
The group must consist of three or more performers.  
(Time limit 10 minutes)

### **Class 346      Group Poem - Year 4 & under; entry fee £22.00**

The group to present a poem of their own choice. Movement is permitted.  
The group must consist of three or more performers.  
(Time limit 6 minutes)  
The Bessie Bowden Shield

### **Class 347      Group Poem - Year 5-6; entry fee £22.00**

The group to present a poem of their own choice. Movement is permitted.  
The group must consist of three or more performers.  
(Time limit 8 minutes)

### **Class 348      Group Poem - Year 7-8; entry fee £22.00**

The group to present a poem of their own choice. Movement is permitted.  
The group must consist of three or more performers.  
(Time limit 10 minutes)  
A Festival Shield



### **Class 349      Group Poem - Year 9-10; entry fee £22.00**

The group to present a poem of their own choice. Movement is permitted.  
The group must consist of three or more performers.  
(Time limit 10 minutes)  
A Festival Shield

### **Class 350      Group Poem - Year 11 & over; entry fee £22.00**

The group to present a poem of their own choice. Movement is permitted.  
The group must consist of three or more performers.  
(Time limit 10 minutes)



## **Presentation**

### **Class 351A Presentation - Year 5-8 year; entry fee £10.00**

The entrant will give a talk not to exceed 5 minutes on a subject of their own choice.

Notes may be used as prompts but must not be read.

A spontaneous effect should be aimed for. Visual aids may be used. If PowerPoint or similar is used, then all equipment must be provided and set up by the entrant. The striking and setting of these to be included in the time limit.

### **Class 351B Presentation - Year 9 & over; entry fee £10.00**

The entrant will give a talk not to exceed 8 minutes on a subject of their own choice.

Notes may be used as prompts but must not be read. A spontaneous effect should be aimed for. Visual aids may be used. If PowerPoint or similar is used, then all equipment must be provided and set up by the entrant. The striking and setting of these to be included in the time limit.

A Festival Cup

## **Business Pitch**

### **Class 352A Business Pitch – Year 5 – 8; entry fee Solo £10.00 or Pair £15.00**

Performers should prepare and deliver a short business pitch based on a product or project of their own choice. Whilst including facts and figures, the presentation should be persuasive and charismatic. The use of visual aids is encouraged. If PowerPoint or similar is used, then all equipment must be provided and set up by the entrant. The striking and setting of these to be included in the time limit.

(Time limit 5 minutes)

### **Class 352B Business Pitch – Year 9 – 12; entry fee Solo £10.00 or Pair £15.00**

Performers should prepare and deliver a short business pitch based on a product or project of their own choice. Whilst including facts and figures, the presentation should be persuasive and charismatic. The use of visual aids is encouraged. If PowerPoint or similar is used, then all equipment must be provided and set up by the entrant. The striking and setting of these to be included in the time limit.

(Time limit 8 minutes)



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## **Write and Speak a Poem**

The entrant is to write a poem on a theme of their own choice which they will read aloud at the Festival. A signature of a parent or guardian is required to verify that it is the student's unaided work. The title of the poem must be included on the entry form and **a copy must be submitted to The Festival Secretary by email to: [festival@bedfordshirefestival.org.uk](mailto:festival@bedfordshirefestival.org.uk) by 1st February.**

Time limit for item 3 minutes. Late submissions will not be accepted.

- Class 353      Write and Speak a Poem - Year 4-6; entry fee £10.00**  
Competitors to write a poem on a theme of their own choice.  
A Festival Cup
- Class 354      Write and Speak a Poem - Year 7-8; entry fee £10.00**  
Competitors to write a poem on a theme of their own choice.
- Class 355      Write and Speak a Poem - Year 9-10; entry fee £10.00**  
Competitors to write a poem on a theme of their own choice.
- Class 356      Write and Speak a Poem - Year 11 & over; entry fee £13.00**  
Competitors to write a poem on a theme of their own choice.

## **Write and Read a Story**

The entrant is to write a short story on a subject given which they will read aloud at the Festival. A signature of a parent or guardian is required to verify that it is the student's unaided work. **A copy must be submitted to The Festival Secretary by email to: [festival@bedfordshirefestival.org.uk](mailto:festival@bedfordshirefestival.org.uk) by 1st February.** Stories should be a maximum of 4 minutes reading time. Performers may be stopped or penalised if this time limit it exceeded. Late submission will not be accepted.

- Class 357      Write and Read a Story - Year 3-4; entry fee £10.00**  
Story to be written with the Opening line – *Today I am invisible...*
- Class 358      Write and Read a Story - Year 5-6; entry fee £10.00**  
Story to be written with the Opening line – *My granny always used to say...*
- Class 359      Write and Read a Story - Year 7-8; entry fee £10.00**  
Story to be written with the title *The Cracked Mirror*
- Class 360      Write and Read a Story - Year 9-11; entry fee £10.00**  
Story to be written with the title *The Photograph Album*

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## **Prepared Reading**

Items in the Prepared Reading Classes 361-370 MUST be read aloud and not spoken from memory. **Performers are asked to take note of the time limits in these classes.** The time taken for introductions is included within these limits. Selections must not be included in any current examination syllabus. **Performers may be stopped or penalised if the time limit is exceeded and will not be eligible to be placed.**

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| <b>Class 361</b> | <b>Prepared Reading - Year 2 &amp; under; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a reading on the theme <i>Four Legged Friends</i><br>(Time limit 3 minutes)                            |
| <b>Class 362</b> | <b>Prepared Reading - Year 3; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a reading on the theme <i>Adventure</i><br>(Time limit 3 minutes)  |
| <b>Class 363</b> | <b>Prepared Reading - Year 4; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a reading on the theme <i>Imaginary Worlds and Beings</i><br>(Time limit 3 minutes)<br>A Festival Cup              |
| <b>Class 364</b> | <b>Prepared Reading - Year 5; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a reading from any book by Michael Morpurgo<br>(Time limit 3 minutes)  |
| <b>Class 365</b> | <b>Prepared Reading - Year 6; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a reading on the theme <i>World War II</i><br>(Time limit 3 minutes)<br>A Festival Cup                             |
| <b>Class 366</b> | <b>Prepared Reading - Year 7; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a reading on the theme <i>New Experiences</i><br>(Time limit 3 minutes)<br>The Eileen Morley Cup                   |
| <b>Class 367</b> | <b>Prepared Reading - Year 8; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a reading on the theme <i>Heroes and Unicorns</i><br>(Time limit 3 minutes)<br>The Esther Perkins Cup              |
| <b>Class 368</b> | <b>Prepared Reading - Year 9; entry fee £10.00</b><br>Own choice of a reading on the theme <i>Strange Things, Strange Places</i><br>(Time limit 3 minutes)<br>The Gladys Cresswell Cup |



**Class 369      Prepared Reading - Year 10-11; entry fee £10.00**

Own choice of a reading  
(Time limit 3 minutes)

**Class 370      Prepared Reading - Year 12 & over; entry fee £13.00**

Own choice of a reading  
(Time limit 3 minutes)

## **Religious Text Reading**

**Class 372      Reading from a Religious Text - Year 7 & under; entry fee £10.00**

Own choice of any passage from a religious text of the candidate's own choice to be read in English.  
(Time limit 3 minutes)  
The George Perkins Memorial Challenge Cup

**Class 373      Reading from a Religious Text - Year 8 & over; entry fee £10.00**

Own choice of any passage from a religious text of the candidate's own choice to be read in English.  
(Time limit 3 minutes)  
The N S Walker Cup

## **Prose Reading Duets and Groups**

**Class 374      Prose Reading Duet - Year 6 & under; entry fee £15.00**

Own choice of a piece of prose from a novel to be read by two people.  
Unison speaking not essential. This must be presented as prose, not drama.  
(Time limit 5 minutes)

**Class 375      Prose Reading Duet - Year 7-8; entry fee £15.00**

Own choice of a piece of prose from a novel to be read by two people.  
Unison speaking not essential. This must be presented as prose, not drama.  
(Time limit 5 minutes)  
A Festival Cup

**Class 376      Prose Reading Duet - Year 9-10; entry fee £15.00**

Own choice of a piece of prose from a novel to be read by two people.  
Unison speaking not essential. This must be presented as prose, not drama.  
(Time limit 5 minutes)  
A Festival Cup

**Class 377      Prose Reading Duet - Year 11 & over; entry fee £15.00**

Own choice of a piece of prose from a novel to be read by two people. Unison speaking not essential. This must be presented as prose, not drama.  
(Time limit 5 minutes)

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**Class 378      Prose Reading Duet - any combination of ages; entry fee £15.00**

Own choice of a piece of prose to be read by two people.

Unison speaking not essential. This must be presented as prose, not drama.

(Time limit 7 minutes)

**Class 379      Prose Reading Group - any number of performers - any age; entry fee £22.00**

Own choice of a piece of prose to be read by any number of performers.

Unison speaking not essential. This must be presented as prose, not drama.

(Time limit 7 minutes)

**Class 380      Novice Class; entry fee £10.00**

This is a non-competitive class for performers aged 12 and over who are taking part in a festival for the first time. Comments only will be given by the adjudicator.

Own choice of a poem

(Time limit 3 minutes)

**Class 381      Reading to Children - Year 9 and over; entry fee £10.00**

Performers to read an extract from a children's picture story book to an imagined audience of children aged 4 and under. A new class in which any member of the family is invited to take part.

Own choice of book

(Time limit 3 minutes)

## **Acting Through Song**

A short, devised scene leading into own choice of song from any film or stage musical. The emphasis in these classes is on the portrayal of character and situation in a dramatic context. This will be adjudicated as an acting class, not a singing class.

Movement is allowed but costume is not permitted. The official accompanist will be available for classes 420-428.

These classes will be eligible for the Speech & Drama prizes, The Borough of Bedford Challenge Bowl and the Jane Whitbread Cup at the Gala Concert on the final day of the Festival.

**Class 420      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 5-6 - Solo; entry fee £10.00**

(Time limit 6 minutes)

**Class 421      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 5-6 - Pair; entry fee £15.00**

(Time limit 6 minutes)

**Class 422      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 5-6 - Group; entry fee £22.00**

(Time limit 6 minutes)

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- Class 423      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 7-8 - Solo; entry fee £10.00**  
(Time limit 6 minutes)
- Class 424      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 7-8 - Pair; entry fee £15.00**  
(Time limit 6 minutes)
- Class 425      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 7-8 - Group; entry fee £22.00**  
(Time limit 6 minutes)
- Class 426      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 9-10 - Solo; entry fee £13.00**  
(Time limit 6 minutes)
- Class 427      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 9-10 - Pair; entry fee £15.00**  
(Time limit 6 minutes)
- Class 428      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 9-10 - Group; entry fee £22.00**  
(Time limit 6 minutes)
- Class 429      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 11 & over - Solo; entry fee £13.00**  
(Time limit 6 minutes)
- Class 430      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 11 & over - Pair; entry fee £15.00**  
(Time limit 6 minutes)
- Class 431      Scene from Musical Theatre - Year 11 & over - Group; entry fee £22.00**  
(Time limit 6 minutes)



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## **Combined Music, Speech & Drama Classes**

### **Class 53      The Association of English Singers and Speakers' Trophy any age; entry fee £15.00**

Entrants should perform a memorised programme of 10-12 minutes with a theme to include a spoken introduction, two songs written by an English composer and a piece of spoken poetry or prose. Both music and speech sections will be adjudicated equally. The Association of English Singers and Speakers' Trophy and Prize of £25

### **Class 157B      Festival All-Rounder Class – Year 9 & below; entry fee £13.00**

Entrants should perform a piece of music, either vocal or instrumental, and a piece of speech & drama. The two pieces should be linked in some way, for example by theme. Entrants should give a brief introduction explaining the reasons for choosing the two pieces and how they are linked. Both music and speech & drama sections will be adjudicated equally.  
(Time limit for performance 10 minutes)

### **Class 157C      Festival All-Rounder Class – Year 10 & over; entry fee £13.00**

Entrants should perform a piece of music, either vocal or instrumental, and a piece of speech & drama. The two pieces should be linked in some way, for example by theme. Entrants should give a brief introduction explaining the reasons for choosing the two pieces and how they are linked. Both music and speech & drama sections will be adjudicated equally.  
(Time limit for performance 10 minutes)

