

# Speech and Drama Festival Syllabus 2024

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at AKS School

| Class Number | Class                                       | Choice  |
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| D1           | <b>Nursery Rhymes – Age 7 and under</b>     | Own choice of two nursery rhymes – limit 1 minute (character costume may be worn if you choose to)                            |
| D2           | <b>Verse Speaking – Age 9 and under</b>     | Any poem by Shel Silverstein – limit 1 minute   |
| D3           | <b>Verse Speaking – Age 10 to 11</b>        | Any poem by Michael Rosen – limit 1 minute  |
| D4           | <b>Verse Speaking – Age 12 to 14</b>        | Any poem by Grace Nicholls – limit 2 minutes  |
| D5           | <b>Verse Speaking – Age 15 to 18</b>        | Any poem by Seamus Heaney – limit 3 minutes   |
| D6           | <b>My Favourite Poem – Age 13 and under</b> | Own Choice – limit 2 minutes. Introduce your poem by telling the audience in not more than 40 words why it is your favourite. |
| D7           | <b>My Favourite Poem – Age 14 to 18</b>     | Own Choice – limit 3 minutes. Introduce your poem by telling the audience in not more than 40 words why it is your favourite. |

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| D8                  | <b>Eng Lit Syllabus poem – Age 18 and under</b>            | Own Choice of any poem from a current GCSE or A' level English Literature syllabus – limit 2 minutes |
| D9                  | <b>Sonnet Speaking – Age 18 and under</b>                  | Own choice of any sonnet   |
| D10                 | <b>Any Comedy Poem or Prose Passage – age 11 and under</b> | Own Choice from memory – limit 3 minutes   |
| D11                 | <b>Any Comedy Poem or Prose Passage – age 12 to 14</b>     | Own Choice from memory – limit 3 minutes   |
| D12                 | <b>Any Comedy Poem or Prose Passage – age 15 to 18</b>     | Own Choice from memory – limit 4 minutes   |
| D13                 | <b>Prepared Reading – age 9 and under</b>                  | Any book by Cressida Cowell – limit 150 words  |
| D14                 | <b>Prepared Reading – age 10 to 11</b>                     | Any book by Michael Morpurgo – limit 200 words   |
| D15                 | <b>Prepared Reading – age 12 to 14</b>                     | Any book by Jennifer Bell – limit 250 words  |

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| D16          | <b>Prepared Reading – age 15 to 18</b>                               | Any book by Jennifer Lynn Alvarez – limit 250 words  |
| D17          | <b>Write and perform your own poem or prose piece – 18 and under</b> | Write your own poem/prose piece and submit 1 month ahead of festival for adjudication prior to performance and final adjudication on festival day – limit 3 minutes. (must be memorised)   |
| D18          | <b>Sight Reading – age 13 &amp; under</b>                            | To read a passage chosen by the adjudicator  |
| D19          | <b>Sight Reading – age 14 to 18</b>                                  | To read a passage chosen by the adjudicator  |
| D20          | <b>Public Speaking – age 18 and under</b>                            | A speech on any subject to last no longer than 4 minutes. Visual aids may be used. Note cards may be used.   |
| D21          | <b>Cabaret Class – Verse or Prose – age 18 and under</b>             | A <b>non-competitive</b> class which will be adjudicated. Own choice of any verse, piece of prose or speech to be memorised and last no longer than 3 minutes (note cards may be used for a speech).   |
| D22          | <b>Cabaret Class – Acting or Musical Theatre – age 18 and under</b>  | A <b>non-competitive</b> class which will be adjudicated. Own choice of any piece of acting or musical theatre and last no longer than 3 minutes (musical theatre backing accompaniments must be provided and operated by entrants' teacher/parent etc). |

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| D23                 | <b>Shakespeare Solo – age 18 and under</b>       | Own Choice from any Shakespeare play – limit 4 minutes   |
| D24                 | <b>Drama Solo – age 11 and under</b>             | Own Choice from any play other than Shakespeare – limit 4 minutes  |
| D25                 | <b>Drama Solo – age 12 to 14</b>                 | Own Choice from any play other than Shakespeare – limit 4 minutes  |
| D26                 | <b>Drama Solo – age 15 to 18</b>                 | Own Choice from any play other than Shakespeare – limit 4 minutes  |
| D27                 | <b>Solo Improvisation – age 18 and under</b>     | An improvisation, with or without speech, on a theme set by the adjudicator – limit 3 minutes plus up to a minute for preparation. |
| D28                 | <b>Shakespeare Duologue – age 18 &amp; under</b> | Own Choice from any Shakespeare play – limit 5 minutes   |
| D29                 | <b>Drama Duologue – age 11 and under</b>         | Own Choice from any play other than Shakespeare – limit 5 minutes  |
| D30                 | <b>Drama Duologue – age 12 to 14</b>             | Own Choice from any play other than Shakespeare – limit 5 minutes  |
| D31                 | <b>Drama Duologue – age 15 to 18</b>             | Own Choice from any play other than Shakespeare – limit 5 minutes  |

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| D32          | <b>Group Acting – age 18 and under</b>             | Own Choice piece from a published play with not less than 3 players – limit 5 minutes   |
| D33          | <b>Devised Drama Solo – age 13 and under</b>       | Perform a prepared scene of your own devising based on one of the following events: • <b>the dentist’s waiting room</b> • <b>the pantomime rehearsal</b> • <b>the celebration</b> . The scene must be a minimum of two minutes and no more than three minutes in performance time. The performer must announce the title prior to the performance.                |
| D34          | <b>Devised Drama Solo – age 14 to 18</b>           | Perform a prepared scene of your own devising based on one of the following phrases: • <b>Just leave me alone</b> • <b>I can’t believe I haven’t passed</b> • <b>what’s the hurry?</b> The scene must be a minimum of three minutes and no more than four minutes in performance time. The performer must announce the title prior to the performance.            |
| D35          | <b>Devised Drama Duologue – age 13 &amp; under</b> | Perform a prepared scene of your own devising based on one of the following events: • <b>the buried treasure</b> • <b>the haunted house</b> • <b>the camping sleepover</b> . The scene must be a minimum of two minutes and no more than three minutes in performance time. The performers must announce the title prior to the performance.                      |
| D36          | <b>Devised Drama Duologue – age 14 to 18</b>       | Perform a prepared scene of your own devising based on one of the following phrases: • <b>what do you mean it has escaped?</b> • <b>I can explain everything</b> • <b>can you keep a secret?</b> The scene must be a minimum of three minutes and no more than four minutes in performance time. The performers must announce the title prior to the performance. |

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| D37          | <b>Devised Drama Group – age 13 &amp; under</b>   | Perform a prepared scene of your own devising based on one of the following events: • <b>the broken down lift</b> • <b>the laser tag day</b> • <b>the Hallowe’en party</b> . The scene must be a minimum of two minutes and no more than three minutes in performance time. The performers must announce the title prior to the performance.  |
| D38          | <b>Devised Drama Group – age 14 to 18</b>         | Perform a prepared scene of your own devising based on one of the following phrases: • <b>are you going to answer the phone?</b> • <b>stop! Don’t let that boy get away</b> • <b>I’ve never seen anything like it in my life</b> . The scene must be a minimum of three minutes and no more than four minutes in performance time. The performers must announce the title prior to the performance. |
| D39          | <b>Musical Theatre – Solo – age 13 and under</b>  | Present a piece of devised text in character which will lead into/occur during the performance of a song. The song may be from a theatre musical or a film musical <b>composed by any composer</b> and should be between three and four minutes long. It must be accompanied (see Rules) and memorised.   |
| D40          | <b>Musical Theatre – Solo – age 14 to 18</b>      | Present a piece of devised text in character which will lead into/occur during the performance of a song. The song may be from a theatre musical or a film musical <b>composed by any composer</b> and should be between three and four minutes long. It must be accompanied (see Rules) and memorised.   |
| D41          | <b>Musical Theatre – Duets – age 13 and under</b> | Present a piece of devised text in character which will lead into/occur during the performance of a song. The song may be from a theatre musical or a film musical <b>composed by any composer</b> and should be between three and  |

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|              |  | four minutes long. It must be accompanied (see Rules) and memorised.  |
| D42          | <b>Musical Theatre – Duets – age 14 to 18</b>      | Present a piece of devised text in character which will lead into/occur during the performance of a song. The song may be from a theatre musical or a film musical <b>composed by any composer</b> and should be between three and four minutes long. It must be accompanied (see Rules) and memorised. |
| D43          | <b>Musical Theatre – Groups – age 13 and under</b> | Present a piece of devised text in character which will lead into/occur during the performance of a song. The song may be from a theatre musical or a film musical <b>composed by any composer</b> and should be between three and four minutes long. It must be accompanied (see Rules) and memorised. |
| D44          | <b>Musical Theatre – Groups – age 14 to 18</b>     | Present a piece of devised text in character which will lead into/occur during the performance of a song. The song may be from a theatre musical or a film musical <b>composed by any composer</b> and should be between three and four minutes long. It must be accompanied (see Rules) and memorised. |

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