

SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES

Friday, 14 November 2025 Assembly Room, Devizes Town Hall

Adjudicator: Vivienne Redford

VERSE SPEAKING

The Kathleen Budd Cup for Verse Speaking will be presented at the Festival Concert on Saturday, 22 November 2025

One piece in each class to be performed from memory.

Age categories refer to **School Years**

Class NC13 Verse Speaking (non-competitive) A non-competitive class open to everyone, including adults, whether beginner or an advanced performer.	Time Limit 4 mins
Class VS1 Verse Speaking (Reception Year) Own choice of poem	4 mins
Class VS2 Verse Speaking (Year 1) Own choice of poem	4 mins
Class VS3 Verse Speaking (Year 2) Own choice of poem <i>DE Key Stage 1 Verse Speaking Cup will be presented to one performer in Classes VS1-VS3</i>	4 mins
Class VS4 Verse Speaking (Year 3) Own choice of poem	4 mins
Class VS5 Verse Speaking (Year 4) Own choice of poem	4 mins
Class VS6 Verse Speaking (Year 5) Own choice of poem	4 mins
Class VS7 Verse Speaking (Year 6) Own Choice of poem <i>DE Junior Verse Speaking Cup will be presented to one performer in Classes VS4-VS6</i>	4 mins

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Time Limit

Class VS8 Verse Speaking (Year 7)

5 mins

Own choice of poem

Class VS9 Verse Speaking (Year 8)

5 mins

Own choice of poem

Class VS10 Verse Speaking (Year 9)

5 mins

Own choice of poem

DE Key Stage 3 Verse Speaking Cup will be presented to one performer in Classes VS8 – VS10

Class VS11 Verse Speaking (Years 10 & 11)

6 mins

Own choice of poem written by Maya Angelou, Simon Armitage or Roger McGough

Class VS12 Verse Speaking (Years 12 & 13)

6 mins

Own choice of poem written by Maya Angelou, Simon Armitage or Roger McGough

The Senior Verse Speaking Cup will be presented to one performer in Classes VS11 & VS12

Class VS13 Verse Speaking to a Musical Backing

6 mins

Own choice.

Performers are advised to adhere to the rules regarding Copyright (Page 31 of Syllabus) and Electrical Equipment (Page 7 of Syllabus)

The Verse Speaking to a Musical Backing Cup will be awarded to one performer in Class VS13

Class VS14 Share a Poem (11 & under)

5 mins

A poem for 2 to 4 voices. Movement is permitted. Own choice.

Performers are encouraged to explore unison techniques as well as solo speaking.

Class VS15 Share a Poem (13 & under)

5 mins

Details as VS14.

Class VS16 Share a Poem (15 & under)

5 mins

Details as VS14.

Class VS17 Share a Poem (18 & under)

5 mins

Details as VS14.

The Poem Cup will be awarded for one performance in Classes VS12-VS15

Class VS18 Sonnet Class (18 & under)

5 mins

Own choice. A Sonnet by any poet.

DE Sonnet Cup will be awarded to one performer in Class VS16

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READING AT SIGHT

Passages to be read will be set by the adjudicator. Competitors will be given time to read the passage through before performance.

	Time Limit
Class RS1 Reading at Sight (9 & under)	3 mins
Class RS2 Reading at Sight (11 & under)	3 mins
Class RS3 Reading at Sight (13 & under)	3 mins
Class RS4 Reading at Sight (15 & under)	3 mins
Class RS5 Reading at Sight (18 & under)	3 mins

The Bennett Fuller Cup will be awarded to one performer in Classes RS1-RS5

PROSE READING

Performers are reminded they must provide a copy of their choice for the adjudicator. Please remember these are reading classes not memorised performances.

Extracts should include both narrative and dialogue.

Class NC10 Prose Reading (non-competitive)	3 mins
A non-competitive class open to everyone, including adults, whether beginner or an advanced performer.	
Class PR1 Prose Reading (9 & under)	3 mins
Class PR2 Prose Reading (11 & under)	3 mins
<i>The Junior Prose Reading Cup will be awarded to one performer in Classes PR1 & PR2</i>	
Class PR3 Prose Reading (13 & under)	3 mins
Class PR4 Prose Reading (15 & under)	5 mins
Class PR5 Prose Reading (18 & under)	6 mins
<i>The Wiltshire Gazette & Herald Cup will be awarded to one performer in Classes PR3-PR5</i>	

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Class PR6 Recital on a Theme (11 & under)	Time Limit 8 mins
Performers must present at least one prose item and one verse reading coupled with an introduction to the theme, linking the selections and a conclusion.	
Class PR7 Recital on a Theme (13 & under)	8 mins
Details as PR6	
Class PR8 Recital on a Theme (15 & under)	8 mins
Details as PR6	
Class PR9 Recital on a Theme (18 & under)	8 mins
Details as PR6	
<i>The Recital Cup will be awarded to one performer in Classes PR6-PR9</i>	

GROUP SPEAKING

Own Choice. Minimum of three performers.

Class GS1 Group Speaking (9 & under)	4 mins
Class GS2 Group Speaking (11 & under)	5 mins
Class GS3 Group Speaking (13 & under)	6 mins
Class GS4 Group Speaking (15 & under)	7 mins
Class GS5 Group Speaking (18 & under)	8 mins
<i>The Shelagh Richards Cup will be awarded for one performance in Classes GS1-GS5</i>	

SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES

Saturday, 15 November 2025 St Andrew's Church, Devizes

Adjudicator: Vivienne Redford



ACTING

The Wharf Theatre Cup for Drama will be presented at the Festival Concert on Saturday, 22 November 2025.

One own choice item.

Class NC11 Monologue (non-competitive)	4 mins
A non-competitive class open to everyone, including adults, whether beginner or an advanced performer.	
Class MO1 Monologue (7 & under)	4 mins
Class MO2 Monologue (9 & under)	4 mins
Class MO3 Monologue (11 & under)	4 mins
<i>The Junior Monologue Cup will be awarded to one performer in Classes MO1-MO3</i>	
Class MO4 Monologue (13 & under)	5 mins
Class MO5 Monologue (15 & under)	5 mins
<i>The Intermediate Monologue Cup will be awarded to one performer in Classes MO4 & MO5</i>	
Class MO6 Monologue (18 & under)	6 mins
<i>The Senior Monologue Cup will be awarded to one performer in Class MO6</i>	
Class MO7 Shakespeare Scene (13 & under)	5 mins
Class MO8 Shakespeare Scene (15 & under)	6 mins
Class MO9 Shakespeare Scene (18 & under)	6 mins
<i>The Shakespeare Scene Cup will be awarded to one performer in Classes MO7-MO9</i>	
Class MO10 Shakespeare Scene Duo (13 & under)	5 mins
Class MO11 Shakespeare Scene Duo (15 & under)	5 mins
Class MO12 Shakespeare Scene Duo (18 & under)	6 mins
<i>The Shakespeare Duo Cup will be awarded for one performance in Classes MO10-MO12</i>	

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Class D1 Dickens Scene (13 & under) 5 mins

Class D2 Dickens Scene (15 & under) 6 mins

Class D3 Dickens Scene (18 & under) 6 mins

The Dickens Cup will be awarded to one performer in Classes D1 – D3

Class D4 Dickens Scene Duo (13 & under) 5 mins

Class D5 Dickens Scene Duo (15 & under) 6 mins

Class D6 Dickens Scene Duo (18 & under) 6 mins

The Dickens Duo Cup will be awarded for one performance in Classes D4-D6

Class NC12 Duologue (non-competitive) 4 mins

A non-competitive class open to everyone, including adults, whether beginner or advanced performers.

Class DU1 Duologue (7 & under) 4 mins

Class DU2 Duologue (9 & under) 4 mins

Class DU3 Duologue (11 & under) 4 mins

The Junior Duologue Cup will be awarded for one performance in Classes DU1-DU3

Class DU4 Duologue (13 & under) 5 mins

Class DU5 Duologue (15 & under) 5 mins

Class DU6 Duologue (18 & under) 6 mins

The Senior Duologue Cup will be awarded for one performance in Classes DU4-DU6

Group Drama classes are for a minimum of three performers.

Entry fee for Group Drama Classes is £12.00

Class GD1 Group Drama (11 & under) 4 mins

Class GD2 Group Drama (13 & under) 4 mins

The Junior Group Drama Cup will be awarded for one performance in Classes GD1 & GD2

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Class GD3 Group Drama (15 & under)

5 mins

Class GD4 Group Drama (18 & under)

8 mins

The Senior Group Drama Cup will be awarded for one performance in Classes GD3 & GD4

Class GD5 Adult Group Drama

10 mins

The Adult Group Drama Cup will be awarded for one performance in this class.