

HOW TO ENTER THE FESTIVAL

Entry is made ONLINE only. Go to www.devizes-eisteddfod.org.uk

Click on the Music / Speech & Drama discipline page where you will find the ENTRY FORM.

Booking opens on Friday 2nd October 2026.

Entries will close at 10pm on Friday, 9th October.

When paying entry fees please remember **to quote the reference number** which you will receive when your entry is acknowledged. **Please check your junk mail if it is not received straightaway.**

PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

Be sure to enter your partnership reference number before entering performers' names.

AGE LIMITS

All performers in **competitive** classes must be aged 18 or under on **Tuesday, 1 September 2026**. The Eisteddfod reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Adult performers may take part in the **Non-Competitive Classes only**.

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

Except for the Non-Competitive Classes, no entrant may enter more than once in the same class: this also applies to duets, groups, and ensembles.

SCHOOL ENTRIES

Solo performers and members of groups entered as a school must be pupils of the school on the day of performance at the Eisteddfod.

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees cannot be refunded under any circumstances.

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL ACCOMPANISTS

Official accompanists are available for all music classes but **must be requested in advance on the entry form**. A fee of £3.00 per performance will be charged and is non-refundable. Performers may be able to arrange a rehearsal before the Eisteddfod **at a fee to be arranged privately**. A copy of the music to be performed must be sent to the Entry Manager when the entry is made and no later than **Friday 9 October 2026**. Copies should be marked clearly with the performer's name and class number. Please indicate the speed required by adding (or altering) a metronome mark. If submitting a photocopy please ensure it is in playable format (no staples please). The published copy must be available for the accompanist on the day of the class. Accompanists' contact details will be sent to all applicants requesting an official accompanist.

The Eisteddfod reserves the right to refuse to accept certain items of repertoire if the complexity of the music is such that accompanist preparation time would be too long. Partner schools may

request a visit from an official accompanist. Performers are, of course, very welcome to provide their own accompanist.

DATA PROTECTION

The Eisteddfod will hold data contained on the entry forms for the purpose of administering the festival and will not pass on any information to third parties. Please refer to page 33 for further information.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Electrical equipment / mobile phones may be provided by the performer and can be used as an accompaniment for all classes. Equipment must be pre-tested and approved safe (PAT tested) and marked to that effect. This applies to anything that requires a mains socket. Set up time must be before the start of the class.

PROGRAMMES

Programmes will be available for collection from **Devizes Books, Sidmouth Street, SN10 1LD** from **Wednesday, 4 November 2026** and will cost £3. They will also be available at the Eisteddfod.

ADJUDICATION

In all cases the adjudicator's decision will be final. All written communication regarding adjudication matters must be addressed to the Director via the website. In all questions and disputes the Eisteddfod Committee's decision will be final. Any immediate issues must be addressed to an Eisteddfod steward.

Communication with the adjudicator in all classes is strictly forbidden.

ORDER OF PERFORMANCE

The order of performance is decided by the entry team for ease of timetabling. The Executive Committee reserves the right to make minor alterations, including sub-dividing classes, for the smooth running of the event.

TIME LIMITS

Performers will not be placed if the time limit is exceeded and the performance may be stopped at the discretion of the adjudicator.

CLASS TIMES

Times of classes and venues will be sent via email to all applicants. Please note the organisers will endeavour to programme the festival as shown on the calendar but they reserve the right to make changes if circumstances become unavoidable.

CERTIFICATES & COMMENTS SHEETS

All performers will receive a certificate and comments sheet. These must be collected from the adjudicator's clerk **at the end of each class**. The Executive Committee will endeavour to have the full list of results available one hour after the end of each class although this cannot always be guaranteed. Results will be displayed upstairs in the Town Hall Foyer and on the Eisteddfod website for all competitive performance classes. Any performance certificates and comments sheets not collected at the end of the class will be sent to the **Eisteddfod Office** in the Town Hall Council Chamber (during the festival only). Those not collected by the end of the festival will be sent to Wansbroughs Solicitors, Northgate House, Northgate, Devizes SN10 1JX for collection from **Monday,**

16 November until **Friday, 27 November**. Any paperwork not collected by 28 November will be destroyed.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Results will be shown by means of categories. Award categories are not issued for non-competitive classes.

All performers in competitive classes will receive a certificate showing one of the following categories: **Developing, Progressing, Merit, Commended, Honours, Outstanding and Exceptional**.

ADMISSION TO THE 2026 EISTEDDFOD

Admission for spectators for the performance classes is **£5 per day or £3 per session**.

AWARDS

Please see the relevant class pages and page 10.

EISTEDDFOD OFFICE

The Eisteddfod Office will be open on **November 13–15 only** and can be found upstairs in the Devizes Town Hall. Please note this is for adjudicators and stewards to report and for urgent issues only. All performers should go directly to the venue of their class. All information required by performers can be found in the Eisteddfod Programme.

EISTEDDFOD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

To make access to the Eisteddfod as affordable as possible, the Executive Committee may be able to help with the cost of class entry and/or transport costs directly related to participation in the 2026 event. If your school / child / student would like financial help with entering or getting to the event, please send an email stating why you have a need to the Director by **Monday 14 September 2026**. Applications will be considered by the Committee after that date and available funds will be shared and distributed as soon as possible.

FESTIVAL CONCERT 2026

The wonderful Festival Concert will take place in Devizes Corn Exchange on **Saturday, 21 November at 7pm**. In addition to the presentation of major awards the concert will include some of the outstanding performances from this year's Eisteddfod.

Participation in the concert is by invitation from the Director and Committee based on advice from our adjudicators and to give a balanced flavour of the overall event.

Invitations will be sent out at the end of the Eisteddfod.

Admission: adults £10, children £5 – available at the door on the day only.