

# Speech and Drama Section

## **PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

Saturday 11 November and Sunday 12 November 2023 -  
afternoon and evening  
(Saturday 11 November 2023 – morning - overflow if necessary)

To be held at Overton Grange School, Stanley Road, Sutton SM2 6TQ

## **ADJUDICATOR**

**Jenny Thornton, AGSM(Teaching), ALAM, CertEd, LISTD, CDE**

Trained at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama gaining awards for Character Acting and for most Promising Teacher. Jenny has led the Performing Arts Teams in large Comprehensives, been an Assistant Principal for Edexcel, LAMDA examiner and now enjoys running her own Performance Centre with ages from 4 years to adults delivering drama, dance and musical theatre and writing. Her play called “Gone” gained a Commended when performed at The Orange Tree Theatre in Richmond as did her most recent play “Young Love”. Her most recent teaching experience is working in a state school as a peripatetic teacher as part of her “Outreach” programme. She was delighted when LAMDA chose two of her pieces for their acting anthology. Jenny is looking forward to visiting Sutton Festival and making it a very enjoyable and positive experience for all concerned.

“Drama is a life skill that changed me from a stuttering introvert to a confident individual. We can give our children no better opportunity.”

## **ENTRY RELATED ENQUIRIES**

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## **AWARDS** - See Festival Rules Paragraph 5

The **DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CUP** will be awarded by the Adjudicator for the most outstanding acting performance

The **ARTS NETWORK SUTTON PRIZE of £ 50** and the **COLIN PEEL PRIZE of £ 50** will be given, at the adjudicator’s discretion, to the **TWO** most outstanding solo performers in the **SPEECH, DRAMA** and **POETRY** classes

## **SPONSORSHIP**

Shakespeare Classes generously sponsored by  
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**N.B. SEE GENERAL RULE PARAGRAPH 7 about Copyright and Performing Rights**

Memory: All works must be quoted from memory, except in classes 421 - 424, Religious Text or Prose reading.

Costume: For the Duologue, Acting and Shakespeare classes, full costume is NOT permitted but costume suggestion and props may be used.

In Poetry classes teachers please choose material that is suitable for the age group selected

## Shakespeare

Own Choice

401	16 years and over	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 9.50
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*Prize: The SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP FOR SPEECH*

*The JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the competitor gaining the highest mark in Classes 402 and 403*

402	13 to 15 years	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 9.00
403	12 years and under	Time limit: 3 minutes	£ 8.50

## Solo Drama other than Shakespeare

Own choice

405	16 years and over	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 9.50
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*Prize: The CECILY SKINNER CUP FOR SENIOR DRAMA*

*The BRANSTON CUP will be awarded to the competitor gaining the highest mark in Classes 406 and 407*

406	13 to 15 years	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 9.00
407	12 years and under	Time limit: 3 minutes	£ 8.50

## Duologue

In these classes, small essential hand props are allowed, but no excessive scenery or costume is permitted. The age limits apply only to the elder of the performers.

Own choice

410	15 to 17 years	Time limit: 5 minutes	£ 12.00
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*Prize: The CECILY SKINNER PLATES*

411	12 to 14 years	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 11.00
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*Prize: The VANGUARD AWARD*

412	11 years and under	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 10.00
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*Prize: The MARY SHACKEL CUPS*

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## Solo Mime

Theme: A mime to illustrate a well-known saying or proverb

413 13 years and over Time limit: 4 minutes £ 9.00

Prize: *The CROFT TROPHY (SENIOR)*

414 12 years and under Time limit: 3 minutes £ 8.50

Prize: *The CROFT TROPHY (JUNIOR)*

## Religious Text Reading

A prepared passage from the Bible or the religious text of the candidate's own

Religion, to be read in English

421 12 to 15 years Time limit: 4 minutes £ 9.00

422 11 years and under Time limit: 3 minutes £ 8.00

## Prose Text Reading

Own choice of book - one piece

423 11 to 13 years Time limit: 3 minutes £ 8.50

424 9 and 10 years Time limit: 3 minutes £ 8.00

## Prose Speaking (Memorised)

Own choice of book – one piece

425 11 to 13 years Time limit: 3 minutes £ 8.50

426 9 and 10 years Time limit: 3 minutes £ 8.00

An extract from the following set authors according to the stated time limits

428 11 to 13 years Time limit: 3 minutes £ 8.50

An extract from **Holes** by Louis Sachar

429 9 and 10 years Time limit: 3 minutes £ 8.00

An extract from **The Wind in the Willows** by Kenneth Grahame

## A Poem of Own Choice

*The ELOCUTION CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the competitor gaining the highest mark in Classes 431 to 435*

431 16 years and over Time limit: 4 minutes £ 9.00

432 12 to 15 years Time limit: 3 minutes £ 8.00

433 10 and 11 years Time limit: 3 minutes £ 8.00

434 8 and 9 years Time limit: 2 minutes £ 7.00

435 7 years and under Time limit: 2 minutes £ 7.00

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## Shared Poem

Own choice of poem shared between two speakers

436	Mixed ages	Time limit: 3 minutes	£ 10.00
437	9 to 11 years	Time limit: 2 minutes	£ 10.00
438	8 years and under	Time limit: 2 minutes	£ 10.00

## Closed Classes

Classes 441 to 445 are **CLOSED CLASSES** open only to competitors who have not won a first place in a speech class at any festival at the time of entry

Own choice poem

441	16 years and over	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 9.00
442	12 to 15 years	Time limit: 3 minutes	£ 8.50
443	10 and 11 years	Time limit: 3 minutes	£ 8.00
444	8 and 9 years	Time limit: 2 minutes	£ 7.00
445	7 years and under	Time limit: 2 minutes	£ 7.00

## Non Competitive Class

450	18 years and under	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 8.00
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Own choice of a favourite piece of poetry or prose. No awards will be made in this class

Entrant will receive an adjudication and a Participant's Certificate

They may not enter for any other solo speech or poetry classes

## Set Poem Classes

**Book 1** - the poems listed below with this reference can be found in **Off By Heart, Bloomsbury Education**

**Book 2** - the poems listed below with this reference can be found in **Read Me At School, Macmillan Publications Limited**

*The CECILY SKINNER TROPHY FOR POETRY will be awarded to the competitor gaining the highest mark in Classes 453 and 454*

453	12 to 14 years	£ 8.00
	Set Piece: <b>Changed</b> by Dave Calder (Book 2) <u>or</u> <b>Remembering Snow</b> by Brian Patten (Book 2)	
454	11 years	£ 8.00
	Set Piece: <b>Have You Met A Wolf</b> by James Carter (Book 1) <u>or</u> <b>At the End of a School Day</b> by Wes Magee (Book 2)	

## Set Poem Classes - continued

*The McGRATH CUP will be awarded to the competitor gaining the highest mark in Classes 455 to 458*

455	10 years		£ 7.00
	Set Piece : <b>Snow</b> by Jane Clarke (Book 1) <u>or</u> <b>Not a Nightingale</b> by Jennifer Curry (Book 2)		
456	9 years		£ 7.00
	Set Piece: <b>At Lunchtime</b> by Gillian Floyd (Book 2) <u>or</u> <b>Do Your Own Thing</b> by Sue Smith (Book 2)		
457	8 years		£ 7.00
	Set Piece: <b>Silver Birch</b> by Roger Stevens (Book 1) <u>or</u> <b>Four O'clock Friday</b> by John Foster (Book 2)		
458	7 years		£ 7.00
	Set Piece: <b>Weave Me a Poem</b> by Eric Ode (Book 1) <u>or</u> <b>I Went to the Animal Fair</b> by Anon (Book 2)		

## Public Speaking Classes

### Short Talk

Topic: A book, an experience, an event or a visit

(A visual aid in the form of a photo board or artefact may be used)

461	6 and 7 years	Time limit: 2 minutes	£ 7.00
462	8 and 9 years	Time limit: 3 minutes	£ 7.50
463	10 and 11 years	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 8.00

### Structured Speech

(A visual aid in the form of a photo board or artefact may be used)

464	12 and 13 years	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 8.00
465	14 and 15 years	Time limit: 4 minutes	£ 8.50

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