



PETERBOROUGH DRAMA FESTIVAL 2027



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KEY INFORMATION

What is the Peterborough Drama Festival?

The Peterborough Drama Festival promotes speech and performance skills for all age groups to increase confidence, develop artistic expertise, promote enrichment opportunities and to provide competition amongst all keen students of the arts.

The annual festival is always full of excitement as all competitors arrive to showcase their hard work and skill to our adjudicators, who are affiliated to the British International Federation of Festivals (BIFF). All competitors receive feedback forms and certificates. The highest scoring performers in each class receive one of our prestigious trophies or cups.

The Peterborough Drama Festival has been running an annual festival in the city for over 70 years and continues to be run by a small committee of dedicated volunteers who are committed to promoting fair access to the arts.

More information can found on our website. Please email our secretary if you have any queries or if you would be interested in arranging a visit to your school or group by a committee member to find out more.

We look forward to you joining us at the 2027 festival.

Entries are accepted from:

We are an inclusive charity of the arts and we welcome entries from keen individuals and groups. These include pupils and students of all ages; as well as adults who are welcome to enter any of our open classes. We also welcome entries from schools, youth groups and theatre groups or schools.

Our 2027 entry fees:



£8

individual



£14

duo



£20

small group



£32

choral speaking group

How to submit entries:



All entries and payments to be received by
Friday 18th December 2026

submitted online through the Microsoft Form
(accessed by scanning the QR code) or via email



2027 SYLLABUS

Friday 5th March 2027 - School entry day

On Friday 5th March 2027, we invite all schools to extend their **World Book Day** celebrations and develop their **enrichment offer** by joining us at The Peterborough Drama Festival during the school day. We will be offering the following classes for schools to enter on this day.

More information about the rules of each class is available on our website.

Choral Speaking (select one of the two choices):

Years 1 & 2:

Entry time limit: 10 minutes

Cleaning Machine by Diane Humphrey
My Pet Dragon by Michael Alexander

Years 3 & 4:

The Way Through the Woods by Rudyard Kipling
Mr. Nobody by Walter De La Mare

Years 5 & 6:

The Crocodile by Roald Dahl
Sick by Shel Silverstein

Key Stage 3:

A Smuggler's Song by Rudyard Kipling
The Spider and the Fly by Mary Howitt



Key Stage 4:

The Listeners by Walter De La Mare
Macavity: The Mystery Cat by T.S. Eliot

Verse Speaking

Entry time limit: 2 minutes

Year 1: Animals
Year 2: Seasons
Year 3: Family
Year 4: Transport
Year 5: Celebrations
Year 6: Sport
KS3: In the past
KS4: Discovery
Open: Own Choice

Prose Reading

Entry time limit: 2 minutes

Year 1: Pirates
Year 2: Pets
Year 3: Fantasy Worlds
Year 4: Friends
Year 5: The Sea
Year 6: Villains
KS3: Travel
KS4: Detectives
Open: Own Choice

**New classes
for 2027!**

Write & Perform a Monologue

Entry time limit: 3 minutes

Individual competitors
write an original
monologue that they
perform at the festival.

Small props and
accessories permitted.

**Entries open to all
year groups in KS2,
KS3, KS4 and Open**

Write & Read a Story

Entry time limit: 4 minutes

Individual competitors write an
original story that they present
confidently at the festival.

**Entries open to all year groups
in KS2, KS3, KS4 and Open**

Write & Speak a Poem

Entry time limit: 4 minutes

Individual competitors write an
original poem that they speak
confidently at the festival.

**Entries open to all year groups
in KS2, KS3, KS4 and Open**

2027 SYLLABUS

Saturday 6th March 2027 - All entries welcome

On Saturday 6th March 2027, we will host our full syllabus of classes and look forward to welcoming all individual and group entries to participate in the following classes.

More information about the rules of each class is available on our website.

Verse Speaking

Entry time limit: 2 minutes

Year 1: Animals
Year 2: Seasons
Year 3: Family
Year 4: Transport
Year 5: Celebrations
Year 6: Sport
KS3: In the past
KS4: Discovery
Open: Own Choice

Storytelling

Entry time limit: 3 minutes

Key Stage 2: Own choice
Open class: Own choice

Prepared Speech

Entry time limit: 5 minutes

Key Stage 2: Own choice
Open class: Own choice

Prose Reading

Entry time limit: 2 minutes

Year 1: Pirates
Year 2: Pets
Year 3: Fantasy Worlds
Year 4: Friends
Year 5: The Sea
Year 6: Villains
KS3: Travel
KS4: Detectives
Open: Own Choice

Improvisation

Entry time limit: 3 minutes (solo) and 5 minutes (duologue)

Solo & Duologue entries

Classes for Key Stage 2, 3, 4 & Open

Theme will be provided at the start of the class.

Entry time limit: 10 minutes (group)

Group entries

Key Stage 2: Thank goodness that's over!
Key Stage 3: I told you so!
Key Stage 4: Just get over it!
Open: A difficult decision!

Piece to include this theme.

Acting

Entry time limit: 3 minutes (solo), 5 minutes (duologue) and 10 minutes (group)

Solo, duologue & group entries

Classes for Key Stage 2, 3, 4 & Open

Own choice.

Shakespeare

Entry time limit: 3 minutes

Classes for Key Stage 2, 3, 4 & Open

Perform a sonnet or speech from a play.

Mime

Solo, duologue & group entries

Classes for Key Stage 2, 3, 4 & Open

Own choice.

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