

## ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION SECONDARY SCHOOL ORACY COMPETITIONS

### ESU PERFORMING SHAKESPEARE (Years 7-9)

- ✓ £45 is the main entry cost
- ✓ £25 for schools with higher than either 20% FSM or 20% EAL
- ✓ Fee waivers can be considered in cases of real need

The fee is for whole school entry (some schools have all of Years 7-9 involved for that one entry fee).

- You have an internal school round
- Regional Final – normally 3 performances per school (so 3-6 students depending on combination of duologues or monologues) and this includes an hour's workshop.
- Grand Final – normally 2 qualify from each regional final.

### ESU-CHURCHILL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION (Years 9-11)

- ✓ £45 is the main entry cost
- ✓ £25 for schools with higher than either 20% FSM or 20% EAL
- ✓ Fee waivers can be considered in cases of real need

The fee is per team (3 from a squad of 5 that can be rotated between rounds).

A school can enter up to two teams.

Four rounds; first on Zoom and the other three in person.

### ESU SCHOOL'S MACE DEBATING COMPETITION (Years 7-13)

- ✓ £45 is the main entry cost
- ✓ £25 for schools with higher than either 20% FSM or 20% EAL
- ✓ Fee waivers can be considered in cases of real need

The fee is per team (3 from a squad of 5 that can be rotated between rounds).

A school can enter one team.

Four rounds; first on Zoom and the other three in person.

## COMPETITION STRUCTURE

**Schools have until 01 October to register for the competitions.** This is a hard deadline as the Zoom rounds for Mace Debating (round 1) and Churchill Public Speaking (round 1) will take place before Christmas. In the new year, we move to face-to-face once more for the subsequent rounds which will be wonderful.

The **hybrid delivery for our competitions in 2021-2022** is as follows:

	Schools' Mace	Public Speaking	Performing Shakespeare
<b>Round 1</b>	Zoom	Zoom	In school
<b>Round 2</b>	In-person with a school hosting	In-person with a school/branch hosting	N/A
<b>Regional Finals</b>	In-person with a school hosting	In-person with a school/branch hosting	In-person with a school/branch hosting
<b>Semi-Finals &amp; Grand Final</b>	In-person at Dartmouth House on Finals Day	In-person at Churchill College, Cambridge	Semi Finals N/A In-person at ESU hosted Finals Day – hopefully in Stratford-Upon-Avon

Following consultation with schools and key stakeholders, we have opted for a hybrid format for a range of reasons as a trial for this coming year. This includes accommodating the UK's vaccination roll out during 2021 and ameliorating some of the very long distances schools travel for Round 1. We wish to strike a balance between the educational opportunities of competing in-person, whilst also considering the barriers to access some schools face.