English-Speaking Union Competitions 2023-24 key dates

All of the dates for your diary for the Schools’ Mace Debating, Public Speaking and Performing Shakespeare

September/October
- 27 September – Registration closes
- 4 October - Shakespeare welcome bulletin
- 10 October - Schools’ Mace Round 1 draw sent to schools
- 12 October - Public Speaking Round 1 draw sent to schools

October
- 8 November - 29 November - Schools’ Mace Round 1 heats take place via Zoom
- 15 November - 6 December - Public Speaking Round 1 heats take place via Zoom
- 20 November to 19 January - Window for schools to hold their Performing Shakespeare Round 1 process

November
- 20 November to 19 January - Window for schools to hold their Shakespeare Round 1 process

December
- 20 November to 17 January - Window for schools to hold their Shakespeare Round 1 process

January
- 20 November to 17 January - Window for schools to hold their Shakespeare Round 1 process

February
- 15 January - 1 February - Schools’ Mace Round 2 heats take place
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March
- 4 March - 12 March - Schools’ Mace Regional Finals take place
- 4 March - 21 March - Performing Shakespeare Round 2 heats take place
- 11 March - 21 March - Public Speaking Competition Regional Finals take place
- 18 March - Schools’ Mace Finals Day draw sent to schools
- 22 March - Public Speaking Competition Finals Day draw sent to schools

April
- 17 April - Performing Shakespeare Regional Final draw sent to schools
- 18 April - Schools’ Mace Finals Day

May
- 5 May - Public Speaking Competition Finals Day
- 8 May - 17 May - Performing Shakespeare Regional Finals take place
- 30 May - Performing Shakespeare Grand Final draw sent to schools

June
- 14 June - Performing Shakespeare Grand Final takes place
- 17 April - Performing Shakespeare Regional Final draw sent to schools

Should you need any further assistance, please contact a member of the Competitions Team (competition@esu.org) and we’ll be happy to help you.