

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

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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

November

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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

December

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20 November to 19 January - Window for schools to hold their Shakespeare Round 1 process
 15 November - 6 December - Public Speaking Round 1 heats take place via Zoom
 7 December - Schools' Mace Round 2 draw sent to schools
 15 December - Public Speaking Round 1 draw sent to schools

January

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20 November to 17 January - Window for schools to hold their Shakespeare Round 1 process
 15 January - 1 February - Schools' Mace Round 2 heats take place
 19 January - Performing Shakespeare results submission deadline
 22 January - 8 February - Public Speaking Round 2 heats take place

February

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15 January - 1 February - Schools' Mace Round 2 heats take place
 22 January - 8 February - Public Speaking Round 2 heats take place
 7 February - Schools' Mace Regional Final draw sent to schools
 9 February - Performing Shakespeare Round 2 draw sent to schools
 16 February - Public Speaking Competition Regional Final draw sent to schools

March

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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

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

May

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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

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14 June - Performing Shakespeare Grand Final takes place

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.