



SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Mission Statement: To live, love and learn in the footprints of Jesus.

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Dear Families,

Next year's Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival will take place between Monday 3rd and Saturday 8th March.

If you are not already aware, pupils from Saint Norbert's have a long and successful record of involvement in the Scunthorpe Festival; this work is a key component of our English 'spoken language' curriculum. We really value our participation in the event and believe that – whilst creating lifelong memories for children – it has a positive impact on self-esteem and wellbeing.

Please take a look at the Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival website for the syllabus (<https://scunthorpemusicalfestival.co.uk/s-d-syllabus-2025/>). If you would like a paper copy, please ask for one at the office. Competition entries must be with the Festival Committee early in January so it would be helpful if children could decide in which categories, if any, they would like to compete. The Festival Committee do not allow any late entries.

As a school, we will be entering both KS1 and KS2 Choral Speaking groups. It should be noted that if a Choral Speaking group is entered and is the winner, they would also need to be available on Saturday 8th March.

The Friends of St Norbert's will, once again, kindly sponsor one individual entry besides Choral Speaking. If your child would like to recite a poem in the competition, as set by the Committee, please complete the slip attached; if he or she would like to be entered into other classes during the competition, payment can be made separately (please see the slip below).

This year's venue will be Frodingham Parish Hall, Church Lane, Scunthorpe. As soon as the timetable is published, I will inform you of the dates and times of individual classes, so that you can arrange transport for your child. Choral Speaking will take place at the New Life Church, Brumby Wood Lane, Scunthorpe on Thursday 6th March 2024.

Please note:

- Classes 20 – 25 – Humorous Verse – Own Choice – Please send a copy of your child's poem in with your entry form.
- Class 34 – if your child would like to compose their own poem for Class 34, the poem must be sent in with the entry sheet.

Unfortunately, school staff will be unable to transport children to Scunthorpe. I will arrange for the programme to be sent out to you as soon as it is released so that you have time to organise transport. Furthermore, if you are experiencing financial difficulty and this might prevent your child from participating in any way, please feel able to see me – in confidence – and I will do what I can to help.

Please return the entry form and your payment, if needed, as soon as possible. The deadline for all entry forms and poems to be returned to school is Tuesday 14th January 2025. Please note that video or still photography is not allowed at the Festival because of Copyright Law.

Miss Holmes, who has supported our school for many years, has offered to help children from Classes 4 and 5 who wish to practise individual poems / duologues / mime groups (for example) on Monday afternoons from 3 – 4pm (Drama Club); I am so grateful to her for this very kind offer.

As usual, we will be entering both KS1 and KS2 Choral Speaking groups and I will continue to support the children with this during curriculum time. All children from Class 3 will be entered into the Festival; children from Classes 4 and 5 will be given the option – nearer the time – to take part if they wish, but will all be learning the poems during lessons anyway. It should be noted that if a Choral Speaking group is entered and is the winner, they would also need to be available on Saturday 8th March.

Thank you and, if you would like any more information, do please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson

Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Entry Form

PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2025 TOGETHER WITH POEMS FOR HUMOROUS OWN CHOICE AND CLASS 34 ORIGINAL POEMS

Name of Child _____

Date of Birth _____

Age Years/Months _____

Payment for 1st entry free. Payment for other classes – I enclose £ _____. (Cheques to be made payable to Scunthorpe Musical Festival Association.)

Entry to Class Number _____ (Number from Programme) Entry to Class Number _____

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Please note Choral Speaking is free but permission is required. Please sign the slip at the end of this letter to allow your child to take part.

Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival

I/we give permission for our child _____ to take part in the Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival as detailed above and enclose our payment of £ _____

Signed _____ Print _____

Choral Speaking

I/we give permission for our child _____ to take part in the Choral Speaking Group at the Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival and confirm he/she will be available on Saturday 8th March 2024.

Signed _____ Print _____

Permission for Photographs

I give permission for my child's photograph to appear on the Scunthorpe Music Festival's website.

Name of child _____ Signed _____