

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION 2026-27 KEY DATES CALENDAR - PROVISIONAL DATES

Schools' Mace Debating Competition, Public Speaking Competition, Performing Shakespeare Competition



September

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Schools' Mace Debating Competition,
Public Speaking Competition,
Performing Shakespeare Competition:
16: Registration closes
28: Welcome pack sent out

October

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Schools' Mace Debating Competition:
8: Round one draw sent out
Public Speaking Competition:
13: Round one draw sent out

November

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Schools' Mace Debating Competition:
4-24: Round one (in person)
Public Speaking Competition:
9-30: Round one (online)
Performing Shakespeare Competition:
3: Round one information sent out, in-school heats begin

December

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Schools' Mace Debating Competition:
4: Round two draw sent out
Public Speaking Competition:
9: Round two draw sent out
Performing Shakespeare Competition:
Round one in progress

January

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Schools' Mace Debating Competition:
11-29: Round two takes place
Public Speaking Competition:
18: Round two begins (in person)
Performing Shakespeare Competition:
15: Round two submission deadline

February

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Schools' Mace Debating Competition:
9: Regional final draw sent out
Public Speaking Competition:
5: Round two ends
11: Regional final draw sent out
Performing Shakespeare Competition:
4: Round two draw sent out

March

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Schools' Mace Debating Competition:
3-17: Regional finals take place
22: Finals day draw sent out
Public Speaking Competition:
8-22: Regional finals take place
24: Finals day draw sent out
Performing Shakespeare Competition:
1-23: Round two takes place

April

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Schools' Mace Debating Competition:
22: Provisional date for finals day
Public Speaking Competition:
Schools prepare for finals day
Performing Shakespeare Competition:
26: Regional finals draw sent out

May

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Schools' Mace Debating Competition:
Concluded
Public Speaking Competition:
6: Provisional date for finals day
Performing Shakespeare Competition:
17-28: Regional finals take place

June

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Schools' Mace Debating Competition:
Concluded
Public Speaking Competition:
Concluded
Performing Shakespeare Competition:
7: Grand final draw sent out
24: Provisional date for grand final