



Gresham College is back for the second year, launching our Schools Oracy Competition in October 2023. Aimed at Year 12 students in England and Wales, S5 students in Scotland and Year 13 students in Northern Ireland, the competition promotes the art of communicating complex information in a clear, concise and compelling way. It supports the development of oracy skills, promotes a deeper understanding of the chosen topic, and introduces students to the inspiring research of world-class academics.

This year the competition has broadened the topics to include music, law, AI, science and others. Entrants are required to record a presentation of **no more** than 5 minutes, and shortlisted candidates will be invited to present again in person in London. With awards for the winners (including cash prizes, and benefits for the school), this is the perfect opportunity to gain confidence and develop skills!

Why Enter?

1. Helps develop oracy / presentation skills for interviews and work; useful for CVs/ UCAS.
2. The first place winner will receive £9,250 towards their first year of university tuition and £1,000 towards a laptop, the second place winner will receive £800 towards a laptop, and the third place winner will receive £600 towards a laptop
3. Other benefits including mentoring possibilities
4. Schools of the winners will receive £1,000 for the first place winner, and £500 for the second and third place winners to go towards enhancing the school curriculum activities

How To Enter:

Part A: Video Submission

- To enter, each student will submit a recorded video presentation of **no more** than 5 minutes addressing one of the following topics and making a reasoned argument:

1. How can the law aid in creating a more equal, diverse and inclusive society?
[upload video file here Q1](#)
2. How might Large-Language models like ChatGPT affect the future of education?
[upload video file here Q2](#)
3. Could genome editing consign genetic diseases to history and would that be ethical?
[upload video file here Q3](#)
4. Should the exploration of space be left to private companies, or to governments?
[upload video file here Q4](#)
5. How far is it morally justifiable to curtail personal freedoms to protect the environment?
[upload video file here Q5](#)
6. If you could introduce a Private Member's Bill to change one law in a UK jurisdiction, what change would you propose, and how would you argue for it in a Parliamentary speech?
[upload video file here Q6](#)

7. With rising mental health issues in young people, how could an emotional response to music be used to help?

[upload video file here Q7](#)

8. Paganism in Britain was replaced by Christianity with apparent speed and ease. What are the parallels today for religions and other societal changes?

[upload video file here Q8](#)

9. The prime minister has said that everyone should learn maths to age 18. Is he right?

[upload video file here Q9](#)

10. The wind-up radio (invented in Britain) was transformational in the developing nations in transmitting information, before the internet or solar power were widespread. What area today would a small invention be best focussed on for those societies?

[upload video file here Q10](#)

- Guidance & resources are available on our website to help students make the best presentation they can
- Entries should demonstrate how students are able to explain complex issues in a clear, concise, logical and engaging way
- Students can submit their entry details and lecture summary via gres.hm/entryform and upload the video file to the corresponding folder (ie if you are presenting on question 1, upload to Q1, if you're presenting on question 2, upload to Q2 etc).

Part B (if shortlisted):

- Finalists will be invited to a panel event to present their topic live at Gresham College, Barnard's Inn Hall on Tuesday 26 March 2024
- Each finalist will have 5 minutes to present and 5 minutes for Q&A from the panel
- We can help to create slides for your presentation, and you can schedule time for a practice session earlier in the day
- Three Gresham medals will be awarded (Bronze, Silver and Gold)

Rules for entering:

- Presentations must be **no longer than 5 minutes** – if you submit a video that is longer than 5 minutes your entry will be **disqualified**
- When you start your presentation, please state your name, your school and which question you are answering
- You must submit a six point summary of your presentation with up to six sources
- Act as though you are presenting to a live audience at Gresham College
- You can use notes to help you, but don't sit and read from them throughout your presentation
- If shortlisted, you will perform the same presentation as the one you entered
- Please look at Gresham College website for ideas on how to present

Please note this competition is open to state school and sixth form college students only.

Key dates:

Competition opens 16 October 2023; Competition closes at 6pm on 8 December 2023; Entrants notified in the new year.

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