



The Gresham College Young Orator of the Year Competition 2026

Terms and Conditions

By entering the competition, entrants agree to these terms and conditions. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may result in disqualification.

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

Entries must be in English, with a limit to one entry per student.

The competition is open to students, currently at School or College in the UK in Year 12 in England and Wales (age 16-17), in S5 Scotland (age 15-17) and in Year 13 Northern Ireland (age 16-17). Not open to mature students.

Employees and immediate family members of employees of Gresham College or anyone else professionally associated with this competition are not eligible to enter.

Entry to the competition closes at 6pm on Friday 20 March 2026 - entries after this time will not be considered.

Entries will be judged by a panel from Gresham College, including topic experts. Details of the judging panel will be available on request. The judging panel's decisions are final, and binding, and no correspondence will be entered into.

The finalist's entries may be published by Gresham College on our School Competition section of our website.

The finalists will be notified by email. If a finalist cannot be contacted from the details supplied within three business days of notification, a replacement finalist may be chosen who will then be notified. The original entry that was chosen will then be forfeited. The finalists are responsible for confirming valid contact details. Gresham will not be liable for any failure, delay or inability to contact the finalists.

The finalist will be required to complete and return an eligibility form stating their age and school residency details.

There is no fee to enter the competition and no purchase is necessary to enter.

The finals will take place on Wednesday 1 July 2026.

No responsibility for late, incomplete, corrupt, or lost entries will be accepted.

Gresham College reserves the right to, at their absolute discretion, cancel, suspend, or vary the competition, or any part of it (including these Terms and Conditions), or vary the prize as required by the circumstances.

Gresham College reserves the right to disqualify any individual who has not complied with the letter or spirit of these Terms and Conditions.

Any failure by Gresham College to enforce any provision in these Terms and Conditions shall not constitute a waiver of that provision.

Entrants warrant that their entries are not offensive, defamatory, libellous, obscene, indecent, harassing or threatening or otherwise unlawful, and are unique, have not been plagiarised and do not infringe the intellectual property rights or any other rights of a third party.

By entering the competition, entrants agree to hold Gresham College harmless for any liability, damages or claims for injury or loss to any person or property, relating to, directly or indirectly, participation in this competition, or claims based on publicity rights, third party intellectual property rights, defamation or invasion of privacy.

Entrants retain ownership over their entries. By submitting an entry, entrants grant to Gresham College a worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive, sub-licensable, royalty-free licence to display, publish, transmit, copy, edit and use the entry in any media, in whole or in part, in any way they see fit, including, but not limited to, for publishing on Gresham College online, without compensation to the entrant. Rights to edit video where the publishers deem necessary is reserved although entrants will be fully credited.

Exclusion of liability: Gresham College are not responsible for (i) any incorrect or inaccurate information used in connection with the competition; or (ii) failures or errors which may occur in the administration of the competition. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Gresham College exclude liability and entrants agree to release and hold harmless Gresham College for any damage, loss, liability or injury to person or property or for any claim arising as a result of your entry into the competition (save in the case of death or personal injury caused by the negligence of Gresham College).

Any personal data which may be submitted in an entry will be processed by Gresham College in accordance with any applicable data protection legislation and the Gresham College's privacy statement.

These terms and conditions and the competition will be governed by English law and any disputes arising shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

The promoter is Gresham College, Barnard's Inn Hall, London, EC1N 2HH.