

OVERVIEW

The competition celebrates the rich linguistic and cultural diversity found across Portsmouth schools. Young people are invited to create an original poem or short story in any language other than English, accompanied by an English translation, responding to the theme: **Sharing and Belonging**

PUPILS MAY SUBMIT:

- A poem (any form)
- A short story (maximum recommended length: 250 words in the original language - but can be far shorter)

EACH ENTRY MUST INCLUDE:

- Original text written in a language other than English.
- English translation (can be supported by a teacher, family member, or bilingual assistant).
- Title in both languages (optional but encouraged).
- Author name, school, and year group.

WORK WILL BE JUDGED ON:

- Creativity and imagination
- Effective expression of the theme
- Quality of writing (in either/both languages)
- Cultural richness and authenticity

INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

- Please submit entries by **Friday 17th April**
- Please submit scanned copies of entries with the name of the pupil, school and teacher to pete.budd@hsrc.ac.uk

PRIZES



HSDC proudly sponsors the following prize book tokens:

PRIMARY COMPETITION

- 1st Prize - **£50**
- 2nd Prizes x2 - **£25**
- 3rd Prizes x3 - **£15**
- Highly commended

SECONDARY COMPETITION

- 1st Prize - **£50**
- 2nd Prizes x2 - **£25**
- 3rd Prizes x3 - **£15**
- Highly commended

All winning entries will be featured in a book, collated by HSDC.



KEY DATES



- Information to schools: February 2026
- Competition launched - w/c 16th March
- Submission deadline: Friday 17th April
- Judging panel meets: Early Summer Term 2026
- Award celebration & anthology release: Late Summer Term 2026