

O'SHEA SHIELD 2026



Guidelines

Junior Prepared Speech

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To be adjudicated in two sections

Open to Year 9 and Year 10 students only

1. Speaking time: 4 – 6 minutes. No warning bell. From 2014 there will be a 5-point penalty for exceeding the 6-minute maximum time limit.
2. Chairperson to announce name, school, and title of speech for each candidate.
3. Candidate to address the Chair and the audience.
4. The speech should be informative. Students should work to engage and hold the audience's attention through content, confident delivery, and body language (see mark sheet). However, the speech does not have to be humorous to achieve this. **The speech should not be oratory.**
5. The Adjudicator will take into account normal public speaking skills: stance, diction, delivery, clarity of thought, and construction of the speech.
6. **No visual aids allowed** (i.e. no objects, PowerPoints, etc.)
7. Speech notes are optional.

Marks and Awards

6 points	Distinction award	Excellent standard	86-100%
5 points	Distinction award	High standard	76-85%
4 points	Merit award	Good standard	66-75%
3 points	Merit award	Average standard	51-65%
2 points	Participation award	Completed, below average	31-50%
1 point	Participation award	Incomplete or inadequate	0-30%



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Adjudication Sheet

Name:

College:

Title of speech:

Time:

	Marks possible	Marks awarded
<p>Speech structure and development: Interesting opening Logical and well organised Linking and development Good conclusion</p> <p>Ideas: Suitable, interesting, effective</p> <p>Good preparation: Research, sound facts, quotations Statistics (as appropriate), humour Personal experience (as appropriate)</p>	50	
<p>MANNER – factors to consider:</p> <p>Personal presentation: Stance Gesture Eye contact Use of notes (if used) Ability to engage and hold the attention of the audience</p> <p>Language and voice: Clarity (including pronunciation and word endings) Variable pitch/volume Sincerity, spontaneity</p>	50	
<p>Overall achievement (including audience reaction)</p> <p>Time penalty deduction, if applicable (5 points)</p> <p>TOTAL: Convert to Points 1 - 6</p>	100	

Note: Speech should not be oratory.

COMMENT: