

## COBIS Drama Competition 2026 Terms and Conditions

1. The COBIS Drama Competition is open to all COBIS schools (including Applicant Schools). Each school with a registered COBIS account should participate as an individual school.
2. Registration for the competition will close on 30 October 2025.
3. Submissions will be accepted from 7 January 2026 until 29 January 2026.
4. The categories for submitted entries are listed below. One entry per category per school may be submitted. COBIS will accept the first entry from a school in each category and reserves the right to exclude subsequent submissions from the judging process.  
  
Category 1: Monologue
  - Category 1a: Junior Monologue (KS3 – age 11-14)
  - Category 1b: Intermediate Monologue (KS4 – age 14-16)
  - Category 1c: Senior Monologue (KS5 – age 16-18)  
Category 2: Duologue
  - Category 2a: Junior Duologue (KS3 – age 11-14)
  - Category 2b: Intermediate Duologue (KS4 – age 14-16)
  - Category 2c: Senior Duologue (KS5 – age 16-18)
5. Please ensure entries are submitted for the correct category. Entries will not be accepted from students outside of these categories or for work submitted to the wrong category.
6. No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received for whatever reason. Any entries received after the closing date will not be considered.
7. Teachers should upload their students' entries to a video hosting site (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo, the school website etc.) and provide a URL to the film on their entry form along with a maximum of 5 sentences explaining their entry to the judges to see if they meet their intended aim. The online entry form will be provided upon registration.
8. For an entry to be valid it must comply with the following rules:
  - Video will be submitted by a school.
  - Video will be no longer than 180 seconds (3 minutes).
  - Video will be largely students' work.
  - Video will not contain any personal information including pupil names and school name.
  - Video will be submitted via the online entry form provided upon registration.
9. All communications will only be between COBIS / Dubai College and a lead teacher.
10. The winners will be chosen by a panel of judges, and entries will be judged on the following criteria:
  - The student/group meet the intended aims and intentions sent to the judges at the same time as the video submission
  - The piece is highly creative and shows original work/interpretation
  - They use a range of theatrical skills
  - How engaging the piece is for the audience.
11. The full student name and school name should **not** appear within the video entry. These details should only be included in the entry form.
12. The judges' decision regarding the winners of the COBIS Drama Competition will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
13. There will be one winner and one runner-up for each category. Judges have the discretion to designate up to two entries in each category as 'highly commended'.

14. The winners will be announced in early March 2026. The winners will be notified by email.
15. The winners and runners-up will be required to send COBIS their original film. These will be uploaded to the COBIS and Dubai College website, YouTube channel and social media platforms, and may be shared at the COBIS Annual Conference 2026.
16. The prizes will be for the benefit of the school and will be subject to change at any point.

### **Data Processing**

1. COBIS will collect the following data in order to administer this competition: student name, age, key stage, school name and video entry. COBIS will also collect the lead teacher's name and email address and the head of school's name. Please ensure that you have obtained the correct consent from pupils/guardians when providing this information to COBIS. COBIS may ask for evidence of this consent. This data will be shared with the Dubai College (competition partner) for the administration of the competition. COBIS and the Dubai College have a data sharing agreement in place to protect the transfer of this information. COBIS will process data in line with their [Privacy Policy](#). The host school will process data and information in line with their [Data Protection Policy](#).
2. The full name, age, school name and entry of winners and runners-up will be published on the COBIS and Dubai College website and social media. This information may also be published and promoted at the COBIS Annual Conference in May 2025 and in other COBIS-related publications. By entering the competition, the teacher confirms that the necessary permissions have been sought from students and/or their parents to publish this information for such purposes. Evidence of such permissions may be requested by COBIS at any time. In line with the applicable Data Protection Laws, the data subject or legal guardian (if the data subject is under 18) may request the removal of their name at any time. Please contact [students@cobis.org.uk](mailto:students@cobis.org.uk) to make this request.

These event Terms and Conditions should be read in conjunction with the COBIS Membership Terms and Conditions (with specific reference to Schedule 14), which is linked [here](#). By agreeing to these event Terms and Conditions, you agree to also be bound by the relevant sections of the COBIS Membership Terms and Conditions. Should your school not adhere to the Membership Terms and Conditions, your membership with COBIS may be subject to review as determined by the COBIS Board. COBIS reserves the right to publish updated guidance and Terms and Conditions regarding the Drama Competition.