

Poetry Competition 2026/27

Terms and Conditions

1. The COBIS Poetry Competition is open to all COBIS schools (including Applicant Schools). Each school with a registered COBIS account should participate as an individual school.
2. Schools may only submit competition entries from bona fide students at their school.
3. Each poem should be written by an individual student, not a group of students.
4. Submissions will be accepted from 24 September 2026 until 23:59 (BST) on 9 October 2026.
5. Entries must be submitted by a teacher on behalf of the student to the COBIS Poetry Competition page on the Zealous website (<https://zealous.co/>) via an online entry form.
6. All entries will be submitted, processed and judged via the Zealous platform. Please read the Zealous' [Privacy Policy](#) before entering the competition for more information on how Zealous will process your data, this includes how you can delete your personal data at any time by deleting your account.
7. All teachers should have the correct permissions from students and/or parents/guardians to share their students' names and ages as part of this competition.
8. There are three categories for submitted entries:

Category A: Key Stage 1 & 2

Category B: Key Stage 3

Category C: Key Stage 4 & 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.

9. 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.
10. The theme of the Poetry Competition 2026/27 is *'If Walls Could Speak'*. COBIS reserves the right to exclude any entries which do not adhere to this theme.
11. Entries must be the students' own work.
12. The full student name and school name should **not** appear on the submitted poem. These details should be included in the entry form.
13. Any foul play, cheating, plagiarism or attempted manipulation of the results will result in a permanent exclusion of the offending school from this competition. The judgement of COBIS on this point will be final.
14. The judges' decision regarding the winners of the COBIS Poetry Competition will be final.
15. The winning students and schools will be announced in January 2027. The winners will be notified by email.

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16. The full name, age, school name and poem of winners and runners-up will be published on the COBIS website and social media. This information may also be published and promoted at the COBIS Annual Conference in May 2027 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. For more information on how COBIS processes data, please read the [COBIS Privacy Policy](#). 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 to make this request.
17. 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.
18. COBIS reserves the right to publish updated guidance and Terms and Conditions regarding the Poetry Competition.

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