



*Strictly in Isolation*

### **Poetry in other languages celebration - pilot 2020**

This is a spin-off from the competition (*Strictly Speaking*) which ALLNE had planned to pilot this year in the region and which was not possible in the circumstances. It targets Year 8 students in the hope of giving them a burst of motivation to influence their choices in Year 9 and beyond (but all entries were of course welcome) and was open to any school wishing to participate.

Here is the rubric: **In a nutshell – Strictly in Isolation**

- i) Students choose a poem in their Target Language and learn it by heart.
- ii) They rehearse and finally perform it; this might be in a film of themselves reciting (if allowed) or an audio recording of their recital over a version of the text they have made.
- iii) They send their performance to their teacher who forwards it to the ALLNE Strictly in Isolation email address for publication on a YouTube channel.
- iv) People view the performances and leave supportive comments.
- v) Certificates are awarded.

Alongside this we published a short anthology in French, German and Spanish to make the setting-up easier for colleagues. The anthology includes online models of reading the poems to support the students.

(The paperwork for this and the full Strictly Speaking competition will be available here : [https://www.all-languages.org.uk/calendar\\_events/challenges-and-competitions/](https://www.all-languages.org.uk/calendar_events/challenges-and-competitions/))

Participation was obviously affected by the confusing context we all find ourselves in, but the entries received were imaginative and enthusiastic and are posted here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVSR7Wg4kpJ1JVwlvJoB4gg>

We plan to try to run the competition itself in a future year.

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