

## “HAVE YOUR SAY” 2025 competition in French, German and Spanish

Schools are invited to enter pupils for this year's exciting competition for young linguists, now in its thirty-fourth year. There will be four sections for each language and pupils will work in pairs and may enter for one section in one language only (**maximum 2 pairs per section per school**). Entries can only be for the correct age group, i.e. Year 7, 8, 9 or 10. Please note that pupils will be disqualified if inappropriately entered and native speakers are not permitted to enter the competition in the language which they speak at home or in which a parent or carer is a native speaker.

**THE COMPETITION** – Pupils in all sections will compete **in pairs** and will perform, **without notes**, one dialogue chosen from those supplied to the teacher in advance. The top four pairs in each section will go through to the regional final. The dialogues provided for Years 7-9 will be open-ended, i.e. pupils will be expected to provide their own conclusion of 4 lines. Year 10 pupils will be expected to write a dialogue (**maximum 14 lines, i.e. 7 lines each**) based on one of two outlines provided, using at least 8 phrases from those given. We appreciate that teachers will wish to offer some help to their pupils in the preparation of the dialogues, but it is anticipated that most of the work will be done by the pupils themselves. Judges will be allowed to disqualify or mark down those pupils using language considered too difficult for their age/level. In the final, all competitors will perform their original dialogue and an additional language task suitable for their age group.

**ENTRY FEE** – £2 **per pair** where the teacher or school are members of the ALL. Please provide membership number on the entry form. £4 **per pair** where teachers are non-members. If you would like to join, please visit: <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/join/>

**THE PRELIMINARY ROUND** will start promptly at 4.30pm and finish at 6.30pm approx. at three locations. Refreshments will be available from 4pm. You are asked to choose the most convenient venue for your pupils. Should any venue become too full, we may have to ask the last entries to select another venue.

Woodbridge School, Woodbridge, IP12 4JH  
Westcliff High School for Girls, Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 0BS  
The Stanway School, Colchester, CO3 0QA

Tuesday 25 February 2025  
Tuesday 4 March 2025  
Tuesday 25 March 2025

**THE REGIONAL FINAL** will be held on **14 May 2025** at **Thomas Lord Audley School, Colchester, CO2 8NJ**. At the final there will be refreshments from 4pm. We aim to start promptly at 4.30pm and finish by 7.30pm approx.

Participating schools are reminded that no one may photograph any pupils in the Have Your Say competition, other than their own pupils. There will be an ALL banner which teachers may use as a background if they wish to photograph their own pupils. Please be advised that no videos or recordings are allowed during the competition.

The enclosed entry form should be returned by **10 January 2025** together with proof of payment of the appropriate fee. Payment is possible **only** by **BACS** to **Association for Language Learning - Account No 10925675 Sort Code 20-22-67**. Please return **form** and **copy of BACS payment authorisation** to **Mrs Lucia Verona via email: [hys\\_all@outlook.com](mailto:hys_all@outlook.com)**

Copies of the dialogues will be sent by email as soon as entries and fees are received.

**ASSOCIATION FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING - ESSEX AND EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH 'HAVE YOUR SAY'  
COMPETITION - ENTRY FORM 2025**

Name and address of school \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of teacher responsible \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick here if you do **not** wish to be contacted by email about future ALL events

**Entries** – please indicate below the **number of pairs**. Maximum 2 pairs per section per school & no pupil may enter for more than one section.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
French	_____	_____	_____	_____
German	_____	_____	_____	_____
Spanish	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Total number of pairs** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry fee** - **Total number of pairs** \_\_\_\_ x £ \_\_\_\_ = £ \_\_\_\_ fee paid by BACS  
(£2 per pair for A.L.L. members; £4 per pair for non-members)

Teacher's or school's membership number \_\_\_\_\_

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**Preliminary round** - please tick the venue you wish to attend:

Woodbridge School, Woodbridge, IP12 4JH – Tuesday 25.02.25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Westcliff High School for Girls, Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 0BS – Tuesday 04.03.25	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Stanway School, Colchester, CO3 0QA – Tuesday 25.03.25	<input type="checkbox"/>

We will endeavour to give you your choice of venue, but this may have to be changed depending on the number of entries for each venue.

**IMPORTANT: Judges** – please indicate below the names of any member of staff who would be available to help with judging and their preferred language(s).

Name and surname	Preferred language(s)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Return with proof of BACS payment by 10.01.25 to Mrs Lucia Verona by email to [hys\\_all@outlook.com](mailto:hys_all@outlook.com) - Dialogues will be sent by email once entry and proof of BACS payment are received. Thank you**