

CAI-T Classics Speech Competition

for secondary school students of

Classics, Ancient Greek, and Latin

Arts Building, Trinity College, Dublin

Thursday 16 April 2026, 19:00-21:00

We are delighted to be running the competition again this year and warmly invite you and your students to take part.

1. Each student, with the help of their teacher, should prepare a short speech from one of the texts they have studied. Time limit: 5 minutes.
2. Students will be invited to stand up and perform their speech on the evening of the competition; they can read from a script or recite from memory.
3. Prizes will be given for the best speech and runner-up in each category, as judged by a team of TCD student judges, according to three criteria: delivery, believability, conveyance of meaning.
4. The Junior Competition will be held in the Jonathan Swift Lecture Theatre (2041A) on the second (main) floor. Speeches can be in English, Greek, or Latin.
5. The Senior Competition will be held in the Máirtín Uí Cadhain Lecture Theatre (2041B) on the second (main) floor. Speeches can be in English, Greek, or Latin.
6. This is designed to be a fun event, with emphasis on enjoyment and participation. Supporters welcome!
7. Please send me the names of the students you would like to enter, along with their year, speech author/lines, and your school's name. If you have any questions, please send me an email.
8. The final date for entry is **9 April 2026**, one week before the competition.

Best wishes,

Dr Charlie Kerrigan

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