

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

FOR THE ALLAN PAVER TROPHY
DUNSTAN CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST
10:30am on Friday 24th February 2023
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Park Avenue, BRIDGWATER TA6 7EE

SCHOOLS TAKING PART

St. Joseph's	Bridgwater.
St. Joseph's	Burnham-on-Sea.
St. Joseph & St. Teresa	Wells.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Wincanton.
St. Gildas	Yeovil.
Corpus Christi	Weston-super-Mare.

WEST COUNTRY YOUNGSTERS LEAD THE WAY

West Somerset Circle of the Catenian Association is pleased to continue sponsorship of the Public Speaking Contest within the Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust (DCET). In previous years we have supported photographic, art, and poetry competitions.

One of the aims of the sponsorship is to advance the interests and development of young Catholics and to assist them in their choice or pursuit of a career. The Public Speaking Contest, held for the first time in 2022, assists personal development in their education and preparation for working life by giving them the confidence to communicate and perform in a competitive atmosphere. This interaction complements the DCET's development of oracy, a mix of linguistic skills, listening, speaking and numeracy.

Last year's contest was a great success and the standard reached was remarkable for such young pupils. The enthusiasm from all the participants was both noticeable and infectious. The judges complemented all the teams for the strength of their argument, references to passages from the bible, good use of statistics and confidence so evidently displayed.

It is my pleasure to welcome the teams participating in the final in 2023 for the Allan Paver Trophy, named after a much loved and respected member of West Somerset Catenians, both for his support for this project and for the work he did for the schools as Chair of Governors. I have no doubt it will be as competitive as last year with healthy rivalry between pupils from all the schools in a demonstrably friendly atmosphere.

A warm welcome to you all. Enjoy the companionship and friendship and you will create memories to last a lifetime.

Michael Keenan,
President- West Somerset Circle

PREVIOUS WINNERS

2022 St Joseph and St Teresa Catholic Primary School, Wells

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

10:00 Teams arrive from 10:00am.

10:20 Teams, Teachers and Audience take their seats

10:25 Introduction and Welcome: Helen Taylor, CEO Dunstan CET

10:30 Contest begins

11:30 (Approx.) Break whilst Judges deliberate and select the winning school.

11:50 Judges comment on each team and announce winner.

12:00 Presentation of Prizes: Helen Taylor, CEO Dunstan CET

For the winning school: The Allan Paver Trophy (Large shield)
To be kept by the winning School for a year and awarded annually thereafter.
(The trophy is in commemoration of the work Allan Paver did for Catholic Schools in the Dunstan Catholic Education Trust.)

A Book Token plus a small shield for them to keep to remind them of their success for each member of the winning team.

A Certificate for all Contestants confirming their participation.

12:15 Photographs

12:30 Vote of Thanks by Michael Keenan,
Director of the Catenian Association
President, West Somerset Circle

1235 Lunch and a chance to talk about the Contest after which pupils return to their schools

THE JUDGES Catenian: Michael Keenan
Trust Board Member: Catherine Christie
Trust Board Member: Peter Smith

TIMEKEEPER Catenian: Philip Vowles

RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. The winning team from the preliminary round will represent the school in the final.

2. Each team to consist of five contestants.

3. One contestant to introduce the subject and team, three contestants to give the talk, one of whom is the leader, and the fifth contestant to summarise and give the vote of thanks.

4. Visual aids: all teams are expected to use PowerPoint or similar.

5. Judges may ask questions of the team for clarity or further explanation.

6. The topic: “CATHOLIC TEACHING”.
   Teams may select any of the seven sections upon which to base their presentation.

7. Time limit: each presentation must not exceed eight minutes and will be stopped after eight minutes.

8. The final will be contested by six teams, one team from each school.

9. Names of the schools will be drawn to decide the order of speaking.

10. The decision of the judges will be final.

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