

# ISA

## *A Cappella Competition*

Tuesday 18 March 2025  
Leighton Park School, RG2 7DE

**DEADLINE** Thursday 5 December 2024

**Open to all ages.**

**Space is limited, do not delay your entry.**

**Competition open to ISA Members' schools only.**

**Visit the ISA website for more information.**

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Open to all ages, this competition challenges singers to work together to produce an unaccompanied vocal performance. The live event provides an opportunity for pupils to perform to an audience and watch their fellow vocalists.

### Eligibility

This competition is open to ISA Members' Schools only. Schools can submit a maximum of two entries per category, and a maximum of three entries in total per school. The competition is open to all ages. Maximum 20 students per group. Entries are welcome from any kind of singing group, including ensembles, choirs and barbershop quartets. Must be a group no individuals.

*At ISA, we are committed to making our opportunities accessible, we welcome applications from all pupils, including those with learning difficulties or disabilities. Alternative formats of these guidelines are available on request. Please notify us at the earliest opportunity so we can provide the document accordingly, if required.*

### Competition Categories

- Junior (Year 1 to Year 6)
- Middle (Year 7 to Year 9)
- Senior (Year 10 to year 13)

Groups with mixed ages must be entered into the age category of the oldest pupil.

### How to enter

Entries must be submitted via the online entry form on the ISA website [here](#) by **Thursday 5 December 2024**.

You must have obtained appropriate permissions from your Head/HoD for pupil and staff absence from school, including appropriate cover for staff and any associated costs.

Before submitting an entry, please ensure that you are able to attend the event at **Leighton Park School, Reading, RG2 7DE on Tuesday 18 March 2025**.

Late cancellations mean that other schools miss out on opportunities and cause considerable inconvenience to the organisers. All entry should be regarded as a definite commitment to attend the event. **Please note: Entry numbers are limited and will be first come, first served. You will be informed if the competition is fully booked and will have the opportunity to join a waiting list. You may then be contacted in the event of cancellations.**

### Judging Criteria

Each performance will be marked out of 60 based on the following criteria:

- Balance & Blend
- Dynamics
- Rhythm
- Intonation
- Arrangement & Interpretation
- Energy

### Rules

- Each performance should only use the voice, no instruments are allowed.
- You may have a conductor if required.
- Any genre of song is allowed.
- Each performance can last no longer than 5 minutes in total.
- You can perform one song in its entirety or a mash-up of different songs.
- No original songs.
- You may use a pitch pipe if needed.
- Each school can enter two groups maximum per category and a maximum of three entries in total.

If you have any questions, please contact [isaarts@isaschools.org.uk](mailto:isaarts@isaschools.org.uk)

**We look forward to receiving your entries.**