



## THE WENSLEYDALE TOURNAMENT OF MUSIC AND SPEECH

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to invite you to a concert, as an introduction to the Wensleydale Tournament of Speech and Music, to be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, at 7.30pm, in Wensleydale School.

Those of you who are new to the area may be unaware of the long-standing nature of the Wensleydale Tournament and its place in the life of the Dales.

For 113 years the Tournament has been a platform for young and old to perform in front of an audience, and be judged by a certified adjudicator. The competitive side is very good natured, and the adjudicators are unfailingly kind, encouraging and full of good advice. There are many awards and trophies to be won, but the main aim is to simply come together and have fun. Children of all ages have taken part throughout their school life, and many have continued to perform as adults.

Although most children come to the Tournament through their schools, we also have many who come as individuals. Many of the adults who perform have been doing so for decades, and still surprise us with their talents. There are 253 classes to choose from: The Speech classes range from poetry, prose and own compositions through to radio drama and new presentations – there is even a Family class. In Music there are numerous classes for solo singers, choirs, all musical instruments, orchestras and rock, pop or jazz bands.

We are very keen to attract younger adult entrants, and hope that by putting on this concert, where you will see entrants and winners of this year's Tournament perform, you might be encouraged to enter yourself next year.

Tickets for the concert can be booked in advance or bought at the door.

Adults £8

Children £5 (under 7s free)

Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children) £20

If you would like to learn more about the Tournament and the concert, please visit our website [www.wensleydaletos.co.uk](http://www.wensleydaletos.co.uk) or contact me, Jacky, by phone or email.

With kind regards,

Jacky Wilson