

A graphic of a blue scroll with white text. The scroll is unrolled, showing the title. There are green leaves and a feather illustration around the scroll.

ISA Poetry Competition

Pupils at ISA Members' schools are invited to write an original poem on the theme '**My life as...**'

Open to KS1-KS5

Competition open to ISA Members' schools only

Visit the ISA website for more information

Deadline
Tuesday 25 February
2025

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The ISA Poetry Competition challenges students' creative thinking skills and use of language. We suggest running a competition in house and submitting your best poems.

Eligibility

This competition is open to ISA Members' schools only. Schools can enter a maximum of three entries, per category, in total. Each pupil may submit one entry only. Open to KS1-KS5. We encourage schools to run their own competition in house and submit their successful entries in the competition

At ISA, we are committed to making our opportunities accessible, we welcome applications from all pupils, including those with learning difficulties or disabilities. If your pupil(s), those with an EHCP or on the school's SEND register, are working at a level that differs from their age group's key stage, or if your school or student focuses on development and skills rather than year groups, please contact us.

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

Schools are invited to write an original poem on the theme 'My life as...'

- Year 2-3
- Year 4-6
- Year 7-9
- Year 10-13

How to enter

Entries must be submitted via the form [here](#) on the ISA website by **Tuesday 25 February 2025** at the latest.

- Please see the template provided on the ISA website as the correct format for the layout of each poem.
- Entries should be PDF or Word document.
- We strongly encourage students to use the templates provided on our website. However, if they wish to use a different paper it's important for each entry to be titled in the following format: school name followed by the pupil name e.g. SchoolName_JohnSmith and their year group.
- Make sure the pupil's name, school name and post code, and the age category are written on the entry.
- All entries must be scanned or photographed clearly and submitted online.
- The length of each poem should not exceed 30 lines and must fit on one A4 page.

Judging criteria

- Imaginative ideas
- Structure
- Use of poetic devices
- Rhythm

Rules

- Each entry must have the title **'My life as...'**. Students may interpret the title in any way they choose.
- Each entry must include the school name and pupil name on the front of the page.
- Entries can be handwritten or typed.
- Entries can be written in any language, provided an English translation is given.
- All entries must be original work from the pupil.
- Pupils are free to use any poetry form they wish.
- While we recognise the potential benefit of AI, we kindly request that participants are using it for inspiration and support and in line with their schools policies on its use, rather than using it to generate their poems. Please include details about the process of using AI under "any special circumstances" box if applicable, so judges are aware.