



Parlons français

A competition for students of AH French

Now that school life is back to a “new normal” AMOPA is once again running the Parlons français competition.

“It must be the easiest competition ever to take part in!” That’s a quote from a teacher and it’s true!

All we need is a short recording of students as they prepare for their speaking test. We will assess it and give everyone some feedback. We also award prizes and certificates.

We hope that taking part supports your pupils’ learning and exam preparation and is not a distraction. They are practising anyway – why not let them get some feedback on that?

As in previous years we will have prizes for the best entries, a certificate for every entrant and a gift for each school taking part too. In the last few years all schools were given a DVD of a French film.

How do we enter?

Where to send your entries

Just send in a labelled digital recording of the pupil practice assessment.
Send it by email if you can to

gerrytoner59@gmail.com

If you have any difficulty we can arrange for you to post the recordings in Dropbox.

What to send

Entries for the competition should be based either on the student’s Performance - talking Assessment or on their preparation for that assessment. Entries consist of a digital audio/video recording of part of the assessment or a preparation session. Digital entries are so much easier now and you could even try letting students use their own mobile phone. The entry can be from 2 to 5 minutes long and will consist of either

- A formal presentation on a suitable topic (likely to be shorter)
- or**
- A discussion with their teacher in which the teacher input consists only of very short prompts, questions or responses (which could result in a longer response).

Judging

The entries will be assessed by a panel including experienced SQA assessors and members of AMOPA – Ecosse. The panel will include native speakers. Entries will be awarded a graded certificate and an overall winner will be selected. The overall winner will receive a prize to be awarded at a suitable time in school. The panel will work to SQA assessment guidelines including the modification for session 22-23.

All students will be given feedback.

The deadline for entries is February 15th 2023. Feedback will be sent promptly to schools. Prizewinners will be announced in early March.

The rules

- Entries will be sent in by the class teacher who will ensure that the recording was made in exam conditions.
- All entries must be labelled with the entrant's name and school.
- Entries are digital audio/video in a suitable format.
- Entries can be from 2 to 5 minutes long.
- Deadline for entries is 15 February 2023
- Entries will not be returned

Enquiries can be made to Gerry Toner by email or on 077 53 835 118

Note

AMOPA – Ecosse is the Association of Members of the Ordre des Palmes Académiques in Scotland.

Les Palmes académiques, instituées sous cette dénomination par Napoléon en 1808, sont un titre honorifique, pour honorer les membres de l'Université.

Les Palmes académiques peuvent être accordées aujourd'hui aux étrangers et aux Français résidant à l'étranger qui contribuent activement à l'expansion de la culture française dans le monde.