

# ESC 2026

What You Need to Know

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This booklet is your 'first stop' when preparing for ESC.

It provides an overview of the whole event and gives details on the programme, event options, registration, costs, important dates, etc.

We suggest you keep it handy and refer to it often as you work towards preparing for ESC 2026.

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# SECTION 1

## Introducing ESC

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# What is ESC?

ESC stands for the European Student Convention. It is an annual event designed specifically for students using the A.C.E. curriculum (PACEs). It is the highlight of the year for many students as it provides the opportunity for them to make lifelong **friends**, receive solid **Biblical teaching** in dynamic evening rallies, and sharpen their skills as they prepare for and compete in a **wide variety of events**.

ESC is divided into two sub-categories:

**Senior Convention** and **Junior Convention**

The dates, venue and basic structure are the same for both senior and junior students, but there are some differences in the programme and number/variety of activities they can take part in. See *Section 2: All About Events* for more details.

## Who can attend?

**Students** from school or home schools that use the A.C.E. curriculum are welcome to attend ESC. Students between 9 and 12 years old participate in Junior Convention, while students between 13 and 19 participate in Senior Convention.

- **Junior** participants must have reached/be reaching their 9th birthday before the 31st July 2026 and must not have reached their 13th birthday by this same date.
- **Senior** participants must have reached/be reaching their 13th birthday before the 31st July 2026 and must not have reached their 20th birthday by this same date. (12 year olds may be given permission to participate in Senior Convention on request.)

All participants must attend the entire convention, including rallies.

All students must be accompanied by a chaperone called a **sponsor**. There are also **volunteer** opportunities at ESC. Read more on volunteers and sponsors under *Section 4: Additional Information*.

**Full-time guests** (parents, siblings and other non-participants), as well as **day visitors** are welcome to attend ESC as spectators and supporters. See details on costs and the booking process in *Section 3: Registration*.

# When is ESC 2026?

**1st - 5th June 2026**

ESC will start with registration at approximately 4pm on Monday, 2nd June and an opening rally at 7pm, allowing time for travel and checking in of exhibits before the convention gets started. ESC will conclude with lunch at about 1pm on Friday, 6th June. A detailed programme will follow closer to the time.

## Where is ESC 2026?

The convention will be held at Cefn Lea Park, a Christian conference centre in the beautiful countryside near Newtown in mid-Wales.

Accommodation is in chalets, and rooms house two to six people. You can bring your own bedding or hire this from the venue. Meals are provided.

There is also the option to camp, bringing along your own tent or caravan. For camping, you can choose to book meals on-site or self-cater.

**Address:** Cefn Lea Park, Dolfor, Newtown, Powys SY16 4AJ

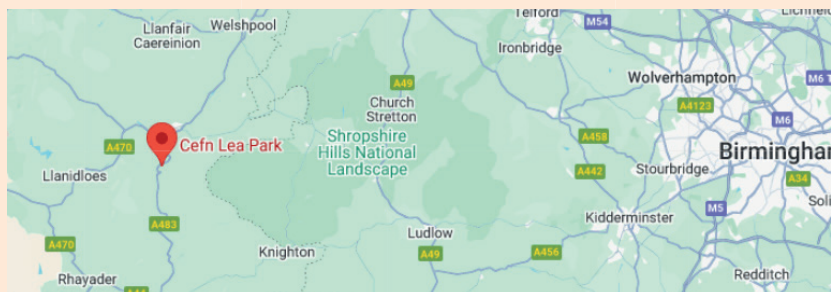
### Travel to Cefn Lea

If you have any concerns about travel, please ask as we may be able to assist.

**By Air:** The nearest airport is Birmingham (within 90 minutes from the venue), with Bristol and Manchester about 3 hours away.

**By Rail:** The local station is Newtown in Powys, on the Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth line. The station is about 6 miles from Cefn Lea, and transport can be arranged.

**By Road:** The venue lies 6 miles from Newtown and is easily accessible from main roads.





# SECTION 2

## All About Events

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## Defining Events

An **event** is any entry that a student submits or presents at ESC or any sport, quiz or other competition they participate in. Some events are individual, while others are team/group events.

Students participating in ESC can choose to participate in or submit events from **7 categories**:

- Academics
- Art
- Photography
- Needle & Thread
- Sport
- Music
- Platform (Drama)

Events are also **classified** in the following ways:

- **Performance** (an event that takes place 'live' at ESC, e.g. a vocal solo) **OR** **non-performance** (an event that is submitted or prepared beforehand, e.g. a photo or science exhibit)
- **Elimination** (events that are part of a knock-out tournament)
- **Sport** (any sports event)
- **ESC Only** (events that are offered at ESC but not eligible for qualification for ISC—the International Student Convention)

These classifications are largely in place to help with timetabling and to ensure students take part in a variety of events without overburdening themselves.

Event classifications are indicated alongside each event in the Events Lists on the following pages.

## Preparing Events

Early preparation is key. Assist students in selecting events as soon as possible, and prepare a timetable for each entry.

Read the guidelines for each event **before** starting preparation, and check the submission deadlines to be sure you have enough time allocated for practice/preparation and don't miss out on submitting your entries.

# Selecting Events

Students are encouraged to try new things while also continuing to work on areas of strength. Therefore, choosing events from a variety of categories is advised. The number of events students may take part in differs for Juniors and Seniors.

## For Junior Convention only:

Please take note of the following limits that apply to each **Junior** participant.

- **Maximum** number of events is 10.
- Maximum number of **performance events** is 5.  
*\*Sports events will not count towards the 5 performance events, but will count towards the total of 10 events allowed.*

The following are 'free events' and do not count towards the limit totals indicated above.

- **Either** Vocal Ensemble **OR** Group Bible Speaking (joining a senior group)
- Golden & Christian Awards

## For Senior Convention only:

Please take note of the following limits that apply to each **Senior** participant.

- **Minimum** number of events is 3.
- **Maximum** number of events is 12.
- At least 2 events must be non-sporting events.
- Maximum number of **elimination events** is 3.
- Maximum number of **sporting events** is 5  
*\*Swimming will not count towards the five sporting events, but will count towards the total of 12 events allowed.*
- Maximum number of **swimming events** is 2.
- Maximum number of **performance events** is 8.
- Maximum number of **photography entries** is 3.

The following are 'free events' and do not count towards the limit totals indicated above.

- Golden & Christian Awards
- 1 athletic/swimming event will be 'free'.
- **2 from the following list will be 'free'**: Vocal Ensemble, Group Bible Speaking, Worship Band, Bible Bowl, Netball, Volleyball or Football

## Event Cancellation

While we try to avoid cancellations as much as possible, we may also need to cancel certain sporting events on the day due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. It may also be necessary to cancel some team events and the swimming categories if insufficient entries are received. Advance notice will be given in this case.

Students may withdraw from events at any time; however, to assist with planning, we kindly request that where possible this is done by the 'Event change' deadline.

## Events List | Junior Convention

Referring to the event limits on the previous page, students should choose event from the list below. (All events are for ESC only.)

### Academics

Event	Group Size	Event	Group Size
Draughts <sup>P E</sup> (will join with seniors if insufficient entrants)	Individual	Chess <sup>P E</sup> (will join with seniors if insufficient entrants)	Individual
Science Exhibit (Collection) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2	PowerPoint (Linear) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2
Science Exhibit (Theoretical) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2	Golden Apple (Proverbs) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Social Stud. Exhibit (Collection) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2	Golden Lamb (John) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Social Stud. Exhibit (Research) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2	Golden Harp (Psalms) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Essay Writing <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Christian Soldier <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Poetry Writing <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Christian Worker <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Short Story Writing <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Golden Lamp <sup>N</sup>	Individual

### Art / Needle & Thread

Event - 2D Art	Group Size	Event - 3D Art	Group Size
Watercolour <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Clay Sculpture <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Acrylics <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Dressmaking/Sewing <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Sketching <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Counted Cross-Stitch <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Coloured Pencils <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Crochet <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Woodworking (any category) <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Knitting <sup>N</sup>	Individual

N - Nonperformance    P - Performance    E - Elimination    S - Sport



## Photography (Camera/phone)

Event	Group Size	Event	Group Size
Scenic (Monochromatic) <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Scenic (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Plants & Animals (Mono) <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Plants & Animals (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Individual

## Sports

Event	Group Size	Other Sport Events	Group Size
100m* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual	Table Tennis Singles* <sup>P S E</sup> <i>(will join with seniors if insufficient entrants)</i>	Individual
800m* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual	Mixed 5-a-side Junior Football <sup>P S</sup>	Individual
Soccer Kick* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual		

Events with an \* have both male and female categories.

## Music

Event	Group Size	Event	Group Size
Vocal Solo <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Instrumental Solo <sup>P</sup>	Individual
Vocal Group <sup>P</sup>	Group of 2-5	Instrumental Group <sup>P</sup>	Group of 2-5

## Platform

Event	Group Size	Event	Group Size
Expressive Reading <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Dramatic Dialogue <sup>P</sup>	Group of 2
Poetry Recitation <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Junior Drama Group <sup>P</sup>	Group of 2-5
Preaching (9-12) (Male) <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Puppets <sup>P</sup>	Group of 2

Student may also participate in the following Senior Events:

- Bible Bowl
- Group Bible Speaking
- Vocal Ensemble

Junior students may not join senior sporting events for health & safety reasons.

# Events List | Senior Convention

## Academics

Event	Group Size	Event	Group Size
Bible Memory Test <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Essay Writing <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Draughts <sup>P E</sup>	Individual	Poetry Writing <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Chess <sup>P E</sup>	Individual	Short Story Writing <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Spelling <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Website Design <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2
Science Exhibit (Collection) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2	PowerPoint (Linear) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2
Science Exhibit (Research) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2	PowerPoint (Non-linear) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2
Science Exhibit (Engineering) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2	Golden Apple (Proverbs) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Science Exhibit (Theoretical) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2	Golden Lamb (John) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Social Stud. Exhibit (Collection) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2	Golden Harp (Psalms) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Social Stud. Exhibit (Research) <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1 or 2	Christian Soldier <sup>N</sup>	Individual
PACE Bowl (Quiz) <sup>P E</sup>	Team of 4	Christian Worker <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Bible Bowl (Quiz) <sup>P</sup>	Team of 3-5	Golden Lamp <sup>N ESC</sup>	Individual
		Consecutive Word Count <sup>P</sup>	Individual

## Art

Event - 2D Art	Group Size	Event - 3D Art	Group Size
Oil <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Wood Construction <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Watercolour <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Wood Turning <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Acrylics <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Woodcarving <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Sketching <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Marquetry <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Pen & Ink <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Clay Sculpture <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Coloured Pencils <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Metalworking <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Pastels (Oil) <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Scrapbooking <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Pastels (Chalk) <sup>N ESC</sup>	Individual		

## Needle & Thread

Event	Group Size	Event	Group Size
Dressmaking/Sewing <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Crochet <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Counted Cross-Stitch <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Knitting <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Embroidery <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Quilts <sup>N</sup>	Individual

Please note that photography has been divided based on the type of camera/device used. See the guidelines for detail.

## Photography (Camera only)

Event	Group Size	Event	Group Size
Scenic (Monochromatic) <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Scenic (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Still Life (Monochromatic) <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Still Life (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Plants & Animals (Mono) <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Plants & Animals (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Character Trait Picture (Mono) <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Character Trait Picture (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Photo Journalism (Mono/Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Individual	Special Effects (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Individual
		Computer Enhancement (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Individual

## Photography (Phone only) - specific subject applies

Event	Subject of photo	Group Size
Scenic (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Any seascape, landscape or snowscape	Individual
Still Life (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Any still life arrangement	Individual
Animals (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Any living animal	Individual
Plants (Mono) <sup>N</sup>	Any living plant or flower	Individual
Character Trait Picture (Colour) <sup>N</sup>	Portray the character trait: Available or Honest	Individual
Character Trait Picture (Mono) <sup>N</sup>	Portray the character trait: Pure or Secure	Individual

## Sports

Track & Field Events/Netball	Group Size	Other Sport Events	Group Size
100m* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual	Table Tennis Singles* <sup>P S E</sup>	Individual
200m* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual	Tennis Singles* <sup>P S E</sup>	Individual
400m* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual	Badminton Singles* <sup>P S E</sup>	Individual
800m* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual	5-a-side Football* <sup>P S</sup>	Team of 5-8
1600m* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual	Volleyball (Mixed) <sup>P S</sup>	Team of 6-10
4x100m Relay* <sup>P S</sup>	Team of 4	Swimming: 50m Backstroke* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual
Long Jump* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual	Swimming: 50m Free (Crawl)* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual
Shot* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual	Swimming: 50m Breaststroke* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual
Netball (Female) <sup>P S</sup>	Team of 7-10	Swimming: 50m Butterfly* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual
Soccer Kick* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual	Swimming: 50m Ind. Medley* <sup>P S</sup>	Individual

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<sup>N</sup> - Nonperformance    <sup>P</sup> - Performance    <sup>E</sup> - Elimination    <sup>S</sup> - Sport    <sup>ESC</sup> - Only available at ESC (not ISC)

# Events List | Senior Convention (continued)

## Music

Event	Group Size	Event	Group Size
Vocal Solo (Male) <sup>P</sup>	Individual	String Bowed Solo <sup>P</sup>	Individual
Vocal Solo (Female) <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Woodwind Solo <sup>P</sup>	Individual
Vocal Duet <sup>P</sup>	Group of 2	Brass Solo <sup>P</sup>	Individual
Vocal Trio/Quartet <sup>P</sup>	Group of 3-4	Miscellaneous Instrumental Solo <sup>P</sup>	Individual
Vocal Ensemble <sup>P</sup>	Group of 5+	Instrumental Group <sup>P</sup>	Group of 2-5
Worship Band <sup>P ESC</sup>	Group of 3-10	Music Composition <sup>N</sup>	Individual
Piano Solo <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Music Arranging <sup>N</sup>	Individual
String Plucked Solo <sup>P</sup>	Individual		

## Platform

Event	Group Size	Event	Group Size
Oratory <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Group Bible Speaking <sup>P</sup>	Group of 5-30
Dramatic Monologue <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Dramatic Dialogue <sup>P</sup>	Group of 2
Expressive Reading <sup>P</sup>	Individual	One Act Play <sup>P</sup>	Group of 3-5
Famous Speech <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Illustrated Storytelling <sup>P</sup>	Individual
Poetry Recitation <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Puppets <sup>P</sup>	Group of 2
Preaching (13-15) (Male) <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Scripture/Character Trait Video <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1-5
Preaching (16+) (Male) <sup>P</sup>	Individual	Radio Programme <sup>N</sup>	Group of 1-5

<sup>N</sup> - Nonperformance    <sup>P</sup> - Performance    <sup>E</sup> - Elimination    <sup>S</sup> - Sport    <sup>ESC</sup> - Only available at ESC (not ISC)

## Registering Events

See page 18 for details on how to register students for their chosen events. Details on how to change event choices are also included here.

## Submitting Events

Events are submitted in different ways and at different times. Most events are submitted or presented live at ESC, but there are some events that are pre-judged, and these must be **submitted ahead of time**. These events are called Early Entries.

### Early Entries

Early Entries must be submitted by the Early Entry deadline (see page 23 or the website for dates) in order to qualify for judging.

The following are Early Entry events:

- Essay Writing
- Poetry Writing
- Short Story Writing
- Photography (*digital copy only*)
- Web Design
- PowerPoint Presentations
- Music Composition & Arranging
- Radio Programme
- Scripture & Character Videos

***Note:** Photography will be pre-judged based on early submissions. However, original framed artwork/photos should be brought along to ESC for display as the judging and results will be finalised on-site only once the original pieces have been viewed.*

### Early Entry Submission Guidelines

Early Entries will be submitted through an online portal. Once submissions are open, those who have registered will be sent a link to upload entries.

Please **do not post or email** entries to us.

Details on submission guidelines for each event will be available in the ESC Guidelines and on the ESC website. Please be sure to read these before submitting events.

Any judges' forms or affidavits will be available online as part of the submission process.

# Submitting Events (continued)

## On-Site Events

All events not included as Early Entries will be submitted/presented live at ESC. Students are responsible to provide the necessary **forms, scripts, music, and photos** for each of these entries.

Below is a **summary** of what might be required for events, but please refer to the ESC Guidelines for specifics on what is required for each event.

- Judges' forms (usually 3 copies) - These can be downloaded from the ESC website.
- Script or music (usually 3 copies)
- A colour photo of the student/group performing (platform & music)
- A colour photo of garment being modelled (needle & thread)

Please submit all required documentation in one poly-pocket.

Please ensure you use the **latest** Judges' Forms from the ESC website to avoid submitting out-of-date forms.

Forms are not needed for most **sporting events**. Team lists can be submitted online.

## Team Events

Schools/TEACH families may join a different school/TEACH family in order to complete a team; this is the responsibility of the school/TEACH. (Home schools, contact TEACH for information.)

The ESC Office cannot find teams for every individual, and unfortunately any incomplete team at the time of the entries closing will be unable to compete.

Each team is responsible for indicating reserves. A team will not be allowed to replace a participant with a person not on the final team sheet without permission from the ESC Office.

Team lists will be submitted online on the ESC website. Details on how to do this will be sent to registered schools/families when entry submissions open.

## Event Guidance

Specifics on the criteria for each event can be found in the **ESC Guidelines**. Below are some **clarifications** on some of these guidelines, as well as pointers for annual events for **easy reference**.

### Bible Bowl

The books to be used for Bible Bowl in 2026 are: Deuteronomy, Nehemiah, Song of Solomon, I Chronicles, Isaiah, Malachi, Acts, II Corinthians, I Timothy, II Peter, and Jude.

### Scripture/Character Trait Video

Students create a video using *either* 1 of the 90 character traits of Jesus from the PACEs *or* the Scripture passage in John 15.

### Group Bible Speaking

Group Bible Speaking is a memorised interpretation of a set passage of Scripture by a spoken choral group of 5 - 30 participants. Select one of the passages listed below:

- Genesis 6:12-7:9
- Psalm 107:21-43
- Psalm 148, 149, and 150
- Jonah 1:1-2:10
- Matthew 5:18-6:16
- Luke 8:22-26, 40-56
- Acts 27:1, 9-26, 40-44
- II Timothy 3:16-4:18

*\*If you have already started preparing using another passage, please contact the ESC office to discuss.*

### Photography

Please read all Photography guidelines carefully to ensure you enter into the correct category. Take special note of the following:

- Senior students must use a standalone camera for all entries in camera categories; photos taken with phones or other devices must be entered in the phone category.
- Junior students may use either a camera/phone for all entries.
- Computer software may be used only for red eye, cropping, rotating, colour balance and tonal adjustment (lightness, darkness and contrast - not enhancement), and printing. No other enhancement is allowed in general categories.

### Entry Content

All entries, including art, photography, and needle & thread, should meet the dress code guidelines for ESC. Also, no entry should attempt to portray Jesus' face.

## Event Assessment

Events will be assessed by a panel of judges who will award points according to the criteria on the ESC Judges' Forms. Based on these scores, students will be awarded places from 1 - 10 in most instances.

Some elimination and sporting events will only award first through third places.

### Minimum Score Policy

Our goal is to encourage everybody to participate, while at the same time maintaining a standard and challenging to do better.

In order to maintain this level of excellence, students will not be awarded a first place simply because they achieve the highest score in a category. Similarly, there will be no automatic first places if there is only one entry. Minimum scores will be applied in order to achieve first through sixth places.

### Feedback

Students will receive feedback from the judges on each entry. This may be given verbally or through comments on the judges' forms.

When given in writing, senior students will receive their full completed judges' forms back. Junior students will receive comments only.

### Certificates & Awards

Following ESC, every student who participates will receive a certificate listing all the events they participated in as well as any places earned. Medals for first through third places will be given out at Evening Rallies, as will trophies for team sports and some Scripture memory events.

### ISC

Some students may be nominated to attend the International Student Convention (ISC), where students from around the world gather. Nominations are awarded based on the standard of the entry and the requirements set by ACE in the USA.

### ICCE

It is possible to gain ICCE credit for your ESC participation. For more information, refer to the ICCE European Handbook. Additional forms may be required.



# SECTION 3

## Registration

Attendance options & fees

How to register

Event registration

Making event changes

# Attendance Options & Fees

There are different options when attending ESC. The fees for each are listed in the table below.

Attendance Option	Early Bird Preregister by 3rd March	Standard Fee Preregister by 1st April
Full Board Participant, Sponsor or Guest (incl. accommodation & meals)	£285 per person	£305 per person
Camping Participant, Sponsor or Adult Guest  + per person <b>with</b> meals <b>OR</b> + per person <b>without</b> meals	£200 per person £135 per person	£225 per person £160 per person
Guest (aged 3 - 8 years)	Contact for prices	Contact for prices
Day Visitors (non-participants only) Daily attendance Lunch	£10 per person/day £10 per person/meal	£10 per person/day £10 per person/meal

## Early Bird Booking

In order to qualify for the reduced Early Bird fee, the following must be completed by the Early Bird date:

- A **deposit of £50 per person** must be paid.
- The person must be registered through the **online registration** programme.
- Permission **forms** must be submitted online.

Changes to events can still be made after this date. Be sure to refer to the 'How to Make Changes' document available on the website to avoid accidentally cancelling your registration.

## Cancellations

Cancellations up to and including 1st April 2026 will incur a 20% administration charge. Unfortunately, no refunds are possible after this date as final figures need to be confirmed with the venue in advance. *Exceptions: Cancellations for medical emergencies will not incur a charge.*

# How To Register

Bookings will open in February.

## To register, follow the process below:

1. Go to [christian.education/esc](https://christian.education/esc) and click on 'Register'.
2. You will be redirected to the registration site where you can register your school/home school and add students, sponsors and guests. (A tutorial on using the registration site will be available.)
3. Pay initial deposits as part of step 2.
4. You will receive an **email** confirming your booking. This will also include a link to the **Form Submission** portal.
5. Follow the link to **submit forms** for each student.
  - Refer to the ESC Registration Checklist to ensure all necessary forms are submitted.
  - Schools may forward to links to parents to complete the forms. (Ask the parents to save the form and send you the link to access the saved version, so that you can check it and make the final submission.)

## Booking & Payment Deadlines

As stated above, payments will be managed through the online booking website.

Payments deadlines are as follows:

### Early Bird:

- Pay £50 deposit by 3rd March 2026 to qualify for Early Bird booking.
- Pay the balance due by 1st May 2026.

### Standard Registration:

- Pay £50 deposit by 1st April 2026.
- Pay the balance due by 1st May 2026.

You will have the option to pay in instalments, but will need to have paid the minimums indicated by the cut-off dates above.

## Event Registration

As you register students online, you will have the option to add their chosen events to their registration. Follow the 2022 tutorial video for guidance as the process remains the same this year.

Should you skip this step at the time of registration or need to make changes later, please follow the steps listed under *Making Event Changes*.

## Making Event Changes

Events changes may be made up to and including 24th April 2026. After this date, events may be removed, but no events may be added.

**To change student selections, follow the process below:**

1. Go to the booking site.
2. Select 'Already Registered' and log in with email address and confirmation number.
3. Click on 'Modify'.
4. Click on 'Registration' alongside the student whose events you want to change.
5. Click 'next' to move through to the events page.
6. Add events by clicking 'Add to Agenda' and remove by selecting 'Remove from Agenda'.
7. Click next and continue this process for all students.
8. When you have made all the changes you need to, click 'next' until you reach the final page where you can check your changes.
9. If you are happy, click 'Finish'. (If you need to make further changes, click 'Previous' and continue as in previous steps.)

### **IMPORTANT!**

**Do NOT click CANCEL at any point as this will cancel your registration.**

If you have any questions or need help with changing events, please contact us.

To delete events after 24th April, please email [events@christian.education](mailto:events@christian.education).

# SECTION 4

## Additional Info

Sponsors

Behaviour & dress code

Volunteer opportunities

Helpful documents

Important Dates

## Sponsors

Sponsors are adults (21 years and over) who are responsible for supervising students.

There must be one male sponsor for every one to eight male students and one female sponsor for every one to eight female students. Home-educating parents may serve as the sponsor for their *own* children (father/daughter, mother/son). Home-educating parents may also sponsor students from other home-educating families, provided the above ratios and requirements are met.

Any person sponsoring students who are not their own children must have a valid Enhanced DBS certificate. (You will be required to submit this.)

Sponsors are responsible to safeguard the students in their care while also leading these students in following the ESC dress and conduct guidelines. They are also expected to be with, or know the whereabouts of, their students at all times. Furthermore, sponsors are responsible for the pastoring and welfare of their students throughout ESC, including travel to and from the event.

A *Sponsors' Handbook* will be provided to all registered sponsors to guide them in fulfilling these responsibilities.

## Behaviour & Dress Code

Sponsors and students should adhere to the ESC code of conduct. This includes treating others as one would like to be treated—i.e. being considerate, respectful and sensible. Inappropriate behaviour such as swearing, booing, bullying or disrespectful attitudes will not be accepted and will be addressed appropriately.

In addition, as a professional educational event, ESC has an established dress code that should be followed. This will be provided to all registered schools/home schools and is also available on request.

More detail on the code of conduct and the expected dress code are available in the *Sponsors' Handbook*.

If you have any questions about behaviour and dress code, please do email the office on [events@christian.education](mailto:events@christian.education) and ask for advice.

# Volunteer Opportunities

ESC depends on the availability of volunteers. There are various opportunities for people to volunteer their time and skills to help in providing a valuable event for the participants.

## Judges

If you have qualifications or experience in any of the event categories and would like to give your time to judge entries, please do email [events@christian.education](mailto:events@christian.education) to find out more.

Judging can take place before or during ESC, depending on the event. The time commitment required varies based on the event criteria and number of entries, so you could offer as little or as much time as you have.

Schools, please designate at least one person who would be willing to be a judge. More judges are welcome too.

## 24-7 Team

The 24-7 Team is integral to the success of ESC!

This team is made up of recent graduates (aged 18+) who want to give back and be a blessing to the students. Applicants should be enthusiastic and full of energy, willing to serve and encourage the participants. It is also a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones as you work (and have fun) together!

Apply through the ESC booking website. Successful applicants will receive a discount on their ESC experience.

## ESC Team

Older graduates and current/former school staff members and home educators who would also like to be involved in helping to run the event are very welcome.

If you feel you have something to offer but don't want to be a judge or join the 24-7 team, please email us on [events@christian.education](mailto:events@christian.education) to see how you could help.

## Helpful Documents & Resources

There are a number of documents that will help you as you prepare for ESC. In addition to this What You Need to Know booklet, visit the downloads section of our website ([christian.education/esc](http://christian.education/esc)) to find the latest documents mentioned in this booklet. These include:

- Senior Event Guidelines
- Junior Event Guidelines
- Registration Checklist
- Blank Judges Forms
- Registration Tutorial (video)

Other documents, like the *Sponsors' Handbook* and *Dress Code Guidelines*, will be provided after registration.

**Please remember to visit the website ([www.christian.education/esc](http://www.christian.education/esc)) regularly for updates. Also look out for emails from [events@christian.education](mailto:events@christian.education).**



# DATES TO REMEMBER

## February 2026

**Registrations open** - Visit [www.christian.education/esc](http://www.christian.education/esc) to book your place.

## 3 March 2026

**Early Bird Registration** - Register by this date to secure the Early Bird price!

## 1 April 2026

**Final Registration** - Register by this date to secure your place at ESC.

## 20 April 2026

**Early Entry Submission** - Last day for submitting early entries (except 2D Art)

## 24 April 2026

**Final Event Changes** - All event changes should be completed.

## 1 May 2026

**Final Payment** - Full balance of fees to be paid.

## 1 - 5 June 2026

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