

AMOPA Parlons français – a speaking competition for AH French

This was the second year of the competition and the numbers grew significantly. From last year with 5 schools and 19 participants, this year there was an entry of 11 schools and 35 participants.

In the information sent to schools we stress that the competition fits in with the academic year. We note:

Entries for the AMOPA Speaking competition should be based either on the candidate's Unit Assessment or on their preparation for that assessment. Entries will consist of an audio tape or digital video recording of part of the assessment or a preparation session. 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).*

We had 3 candidates who gained the highest grade of Très bien. They were awarded the prizes.

First	Samantha Hopkins	Robert Gordons College
Second	Ewan Lawson	Mary Erskine School
Third	Sally Chute	Campbeltown Grammar

Three schools had the certificates posted to them because of their location. All the other schools were visited and certificates were presented in class or at an assembly.

The feedback from schools was extremely positive around the motivation provided by the competition and the feedback given.

The deadline entry date was 15 February and we get feedback to the schools very quickly. Nearly all entries were emailed as an mp3 attachment.

Schools seem to value the feedback. And many mention how straightforward it is to enter as *we're doing that anyway.*

Here are some other sample comments:

Our entry involved no extra work as we sent away our pupils' Nabs which they did as part of their Prelim in January. The pupils were then issued with prompt and detailed feedback. The feedback was both motivating and constructive. We felt that the feedback helped them to prepare more effectively for their final speaking examination. We will certainly be entering the competition next year.

The kids were delighted with your comments and it has really spurred them on to practise hard- their exam is on Tuesday!

Thanks for your comments which I have passed on to the girls. They have their oral exam on Monday so they'll be glad of the feedback. I think it is a really valuable exercise for pupils to take part in and will look forward to submitting entries again in the future.

Summary of entries

School	entries	Certificates awarded				
		Participation	Assez bien	Bien	Très bien	
Robert Gordons College	3		2		1	First prize
Boclair Academy	7		3	4		
Mary Erskine School	4		1	2	1	Second prize
Grantown High School	1		1			
Liberton High School	1			1		
Ullapool Grammar School	1			1		
Nairn Academy	3		2	1		
Lanark Grammar	3	2	1			
Clyde View	7	1	4	2		
Campbeltown Grammar	1				1	Third prize
Broughton High School	4	1	2	1		

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