

Mother Tongue Other Tongue

A multilingual poetry competition that celebrates cultural diversity and the many languages currently spoken in schools across the UK.

Mother Tongue Other Tongue is a national project, led by Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, Director of the Manchester Writing School at Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) (An idea originally developed by the Faculty of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at MMU and Routes into Languages North West), this exciting project (which received a Queen's Anniversary Prize in 2019) continues to be rolled out nationally as a Laureate Education Project, with some regional events and competitions taking place throughout 2023. In the Eastern region, the competition is run by Routes into Languages East.



Mother Tongue entries will be in two parts: The first part is the poem. This can be an original, creative piece, or a poem or song that is 'remembered' - i.e. something in your first language that you recall, or that has been told to you by a relative. This can be in any language but English. The second part should be a short explanation of the inspiration behind the piece, where it comes from, or why it is important to the person submitting it (no more than half a page). This part must be written in English and is the part your entry will be judged on. A line by line translation of the mother tongue piece should accompany the entry.

Other Tongue entries must be an original poem written in a language that is not the first language spoken by the person writing it.

The deadline is Friday July 19th. All shortlisted poets receive certificates, and are included in the MTOT Anthology with the possibility of being invited to the Celebration Event, hopefully as part of the Cambridge Festival

Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form

For more information and the entry form see: <https://www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/events/mother-tongue-other-tongue-0>

EACH ENTRY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENTRY FORM:

Mother Tongue Other Tongue 2024 Competition Entry Form	
Pupil Name*	School Name*
Year Group:	
Teacher/Parent Name	Teacher/Parent Email (or phone number)
Group Names (if applicable)	
Forename(s)	Surname
Title of Piece:	
This is a Mother Tongue/Other Tongue entry (delete as applicable)	
Language of piece (for Mother Tongue entries):	
<i>*For office use only</i>	
<i>Comments</i>	

Send entries to ss2431@cam.ac.uk with MTOT as the subject heading
or by post to:

Sarah Schechter
Murray Edwards College
University of Cambridge
Huntingdon Road
Cambridge
CB3 0DF

NOTE: no responsibility will be taken for lost or wrongly addressed entries and entries without fully completed entry forms risk not being accepted for the competition