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Preface

Dear brothers and sisters,

We thank our Merciful God for nurturing our talents over the last few years, and we earnestly think the talent competitions from 2013 were blessed experiences.

OSSAE-UK aims to recognise beloved children through organising Talent Competitions in Co-curricular / Arts & Sports category at Unit, District and Diocese levels. It would offer wider opportunities to our Sunday school children for further nurturing their talents. This would also hope to create more fellowship, sense of oneness and belonging and cater healthy relationship amongst children, teachers and parents.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, we are not in a position to conduct talent competition in our normal format. As decided in the Head Teachers meeting held on 14th June, this year we are planning to arrange the talent event online. This year we are able to offer Solo Song, Elocution and Quiz competition only. Recording of Solo song and Elocution will be held at unit level and head teachers will share the same with District coordinators. Quiz competition will be arranged for Intermediate and seniors over a zoom session in August.

Hope the talent meets would bring us closer to God and may we together, in Divine Love, praise and glorify His Holy Name for ever!!!

Please refer to the *Appendix II* for topics/syllabus for competition for different age group

Good luck to all participants!

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Rules and Guidelines for Talent Event 2020

1. **Age groups** (Age calculated as on 1st January 2020)

Group	Birthday Range [Including these dates]	Remarks
Infants	01-Jan-2015 – 31-Dec-2015	<i>Regular students only</i>
Sub juniors	01-Jan-2012 – 31-Dec-2014	<i>Regular students only</i>
Juniors	01-Jan-2009 – 31-Dec-2011	<i>Regular students only</i>
Intermediate	01-Jan-2006 – 31-Dec-2008	<i>Regular students only</i>
Seniors	01-Jan-2001 – 31-Dec-2005	<i>Regular students only</i>

Infant Category

As agreed in 2017 Teachers Conference, Sub Juniors age category is now split into two; Infants and Sub-juniors. Age 4 to 7 students will come under Sub junior category and can participate in this event. Elocution topics will be common for both categories.

Note: Head teachers to carefully place students in their respective age groups based on their age and this should be strictly adhered.

2. **Common Rules**

Δ Participants should ensure word clarity in all the events.

Δ All participants should ensure direct eye contact with the camera, whilst recording.

Δ All parents have to complete online registration forms at unit levels, thereby consenting for video recording & publishing on public platforms.

Δ All participants registered by 09th Aug 2020, will only be considered for the event.

Δ Individual unit head teachers are responsible for conducting ZOOM recordings at unit levels and submitting it to the responsible District Coordinators, before 15th September 2020.

EVENTS 2020

Solo song

Song: Christian devotional songs

Language: English/ Malayalam

Time: 2 - 3 minutes

Note:

△ Same song could be sung in different languages or tone. However, different songs should not be mixed together

△ **Avoid pop music albums and classical songs for Solo Song events:** Only Christian devotional songs are allowed.

ELOCUTION

Topic: As per guidelines/syllabus. For more details, please refer to the **Appendix II**

Language: English/Malayalam

Time: 3-5 minutes

All candidates to prepare for the below mentioned topic only, for individual categories.

Talent Event	Infants (01-01-15 – 31-12-15) & Sub-Juniors (01-01-12 -31-12-14)	Juniors (01-01-2009 – 31-12-2011)	Intermediate (01-01-2006 – 31-12-2008)	Seniors (01-01-2001 – 31-12-2005) (Regular Students only)	Specific Instructions
Elocution Topics	Story from old testament	"In everything set them an example by doing what is good" Titus 2:7	"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you" 1 Corinthians 6:19	"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1Peter 4:10	In Malayalam or English only Use of any kind of written information, use of manuscripts or any supporting devices are not permitted.

BIBLE QUIZ EVENT GUIDELINES

Quiz event is aimed at improving Sunday school children's knowledge on biblical, church history, faith and tradition aspects. In 2020, we aim to conduct quiz event, via Zoom, based on the guidelines given below with a view to promote children's general knowledge anchored on Sunday school education.

This quiz event to be held for **Intermediates & Seniors combined**.

Guidelines on Topics

1. Quiz event questions to be prepared at Diocese level based on the following topic:
 - Round 1: Joshua - 25 %
 - Round 2: St Mark - 5%
 - Round 3: Holy Baptism & Holy Qurbana - 25%
 - Round 4: Church history & Tradition - 25%
- The decision of the quizmaster will be final and will not be subjected to any change.
- Honest participation is expected, given the current situation, as this event is being held online. The participants shall not be allowed to use any books, manuscripts, mobile phones or other electronic instruments. Date and time for the Quiz even will announced in the Due course.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Unit Level

Due to the current pandemic situation the OSSAE UK, Europe, Africa and Ireland 2020 talent event has been adapted to an online event. We are hoping this will be give all students a chance to participate equally.

THE PLAN FOR THIS EVENT IS TO CONDUCT IT USING ZOOM RECORDINGS AT UNIT LEVELS.

- 1) All candidates are to register online via Google Documents, ensuring parental consent for video recordings and submissions for judging.
- 2) Sunday school units should conduct talent event to a date which suit the unit's convenience, but it should be conducted in consultation with vicar and teachers council.
- 3) Unit level talent event should be conducted and **submitted by 15th September 2020**. Head teachers are to submit recordings to their respective District coordinators.

Note:

→If there seems to be a problem with the network (due to broadband/bandwidth issues), the head teacher may ask the candidate to repeat the performance.

→This year all participating students will be appreciated through a digital certificate, a memento of appreciation. As done in the previous years, their participation will be reflected in their internal assessment.

GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

1. The talent event should be conducted impartially and organizers must adhere to the competition rules and guidelines given in this Circular.
2. Individual unit head teachers to ensure all participants have registered by the 09th August.
3. The talent event should be organized and supervised by the Head Teacher only in consultation with teacher's council headed by the parish Vicar. In case of any inconvenience only his/her deputy or a senior teacher of the respective Sunday school should be authorized to conduct the event. Head teachers should give enough notice to the candidates, for them to prepare well in advance for the online talent event.
4. All head teachers, must ensure video recordings are saved & submitted to their respective District coordinators by 15th September 2020, using the below format.
Format: ChurchNameIOC_Place_Category_Agegroup_FileNumber
E.g. StMarysIOC_Oxford_Solo_Subjuniors_File1
StMarysIOC_Oxford_Solo_Subjuniors_File2
StMarysIOC_Oxford_Solo_Juniors_File1
StMarysIOC_Oxford_Solo_Juniors_File2
And so on.....
5. All District coordinators must ensure recordings are submitted by 30th September 2020, to Talent Competition Coordinators
6. All communications from OSSAE-UK & Ireland Office will be made to the head teacher only.
7. The rules for the event, topics for the elocution, and number of participants will be as per this circular (Please refer to Appendix II). It will be the participant's responsibility to learn to manage time.
8. Sunday school units may continue to organize suitable Co-Curricular activities which include arts & sports and other events, such as Bible quiz, Bible reading, essay, and story writing, drawing and coloring for promoting various talents of our students.

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Solo Song	Any suitable Christian song excluding pop music and classical music.				A song in Malayalam/English languages only.
Elocution Topics	Story from old testament	“In everything set them an example by doing what is good” Titus 2:7	“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you” 1 Corinthians 6:19	“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10	In Malayalam or English only Use of any kind of written information, use of manuscripts or any supporting devices are not permitted.