MIDSTREAM COLLEGE
CULTURAL FESTIVAL

(p)Articipate 2026

ICONIC

Dear Prospective Participant

We are excited to announce that the Midstream College Cultural Festival, (p)Articipate, will take place from 17 August to 8 September 2026. The festival will culminate in a gala evening on 22 October which will showcase the best *Iconic* themed items.

All category winners will receive certificates following the festival.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation. We trust that this festival will add to the Midstream College spirit.

Regards

Dr Steyn de Bod	Ms Lize Ludick	Ms L'Mri Lamprecht	Ms Carike Uys
Head of Culture	**Organiser**	**Assistant Organiser**	**Assistant Organiser**

Rules

1. Entries will be available on Google Classroom from 22 June to 31 July 2026.

2. Staff members responsible for the different categories are:

A. Miscellaneous	
A1: Cake Decorating:	Ms G. van der Westhuizen
A2: Masterchef:	Ms R. Hefer
A3: Flower Arranging:	Ms M. Ellis
B. Creative Writing:	Mr E. du Toit
C. Drama:	Ms J. Lüneburg
D. Vocal:	Ms M. Eloff
E. Instrumental:	Ms B. Kotze
F. Dance:	Ms A. Pieterse & Ms V. Rossouw
G. Art & Photography:	Ms E. Eloff

3. Individual participants must each subscribe to the JotForm. All categories entered must be indicated on this form.

4. Group entries must be entered on a separate JotForm with all categories entered for. The group name must also be submitted.

5. Each category must be completed on the JotForm at the specified link.

6. Only FOUR entries per category per learner will be allowed (two individual entries and two per group).

7. Only ONE entry for each sub-category, per participant, will be accepted. For example, a learner cannot enter more than ONE English poem but may enter ONE Afrikaans poem and ONE English poem.

8. If a learner has registered for a category and does not show up for the auditions, the learner will receive demerits.

9. A category must have at least FIVE entries before the category will be assessed.

10. Entries/items should link with the theme of this year's (p)Articipate.

11. The judges' decision is final.

12. The rules/criteria for participation in each category must be strictly observed. Entries that do not comply with these rules will not be considered.

13. The programme for the final gala evening will be made available at a later date.

14. The following dates are important:
    - Auditions: 17 August – 8 September 2026
    - Dress rehearsals: 15 – 22 October 2026
    - Gala evening: 22 October 2026

15. Participants must dress/participate according to the theme. Items that do not meet the requirements of the theme will not be announced as category winners.

16. The depiction of the *Iconic* theme can be interpreted in any way. If the theme is not portrayed in any way, the learner will forfeit 50% of the total mark.

Category A – Miscellaneous

1. Category A1: Cake Decorating

- Time: 2 hours
- Theme – *Iconic*
- The theme should be clearly depicted in the decoration of the cake.
- Participants will be provided with cake bases, icing and decorations on the day of the auditions.
- Number of participants – individual participation only.
- Only participants may be in the venue during the competition. No help is allowed from fellow participants, parents, etc.
- Once the allotted time has lapsed, participants must leave the venue but still be available in case the adjudicator wishes to speak to the participant.
- Once the judging has been completed, participants will be given the opportunity to remove the cakes.
- Participants must indicate on the entry form whether they wish to be judged or if they have entered for participation only.
- Participants themselves will clean up afterwards. (Please bring the necessary cleaning supplies.)
- Please bring your own equipment.

An entry fee of R200 applies to this category and will be debited to the learner's school account upon registration.

2. Category A2: MasterChef

- Time: 2 hours
- Theme – *Iconic*
- Participants will be provided with ingredients on the day of the auditions.
- All food must be prepared at school. Food prepared at home will not be assessed.
- Number of participants – individual participation only.
- Participants provide their own cutlery.
- Only participants may be present in the venue during the competition. No help is allowed from fellow participants, parents, etc.
- Food should be served to judges. Points will be awarded for the food and not for table decoration.

- Participants must indicate on the entry form whether they wish to be judged or if they have entered for participation only.
- Participants themselves will clean up afterwards. (Please bring the necessary cleaning supplies.)
- Plastic gloves must be worn at all times during the preparation and operation of the dish.
- All preparation and food must be prepared at school.

An entry fee of R200 applies to this category and will be debited to the learner's school account upon registration.

Category A5: Flower Arrangement

- Time: 1 hour
- Theme – *Iconic*
- Number of participants – individual participation only.
- Participants will receive the necessary flowers on the day of the auditions.
- Only participants may be in the venue during the competition. No help is allowed from fellow participants, parents, etc.
- Once the judging is complete, participants will be given the opportunity to remove the flower arrangements.
- Participants themselves will clean up afterwards. (Please bring the necessary cleaning supplies.)

An entry fee of R200 applies to this category and will be debited to the learner's school account upon registration.

Category B – Creative Writing

Enrolments for Creative Writing must be completed at school within a time frame of one hour. Once completed, enrolment must be submitted to Google Classroom within the same one-hour time frame.

- **Category B1: African Prose**
  - Length: 300 – 400 words
  - Theme – *Iconic*
  - Entries must be typed (Arial 12) on A4 and in double spacing.
  - Pages must be numbered.
  - Please ensure that your name and grade appear in the footnote of each page.

- **Category B2: Afrikaans Poetry**
  - Length: Maximum 40 lines
  - Theme – *Iconic*
  - Entries must be typed (Arial 12) on A4 and in double spacing.
  - Pages must be numbered.
  - Please ensure that your name and grade appear in the footnote of each page.

- **Category B3: English Prose**
  - Length: 300 – 400 words
  - Theme – *Iconic*
  - Entries must be typed (Arial 12) on A4, with double spacing.
  - Successive pages should be numbered.
  - Please ensure that your name and grade form part of the footnote on each page.

- **Category B4: English Poetry**
  - Length: Maximum 40 lines
  - Theme – *Iconic.*
  - Entries must be typed (Arial 12) on A4, with double spacing.
  - Successive pages should be numbered.
  - Please ensure that your name and grade form part of the footnote on each page.

Category C – Drama and Film

1. **Category C1: Solo**
2. **Category C2: Group**

This year, all Drama auditions will take place digitally due to clashes with other drama performance competitions. Participants must record their performances and submit them via Google Classroom.

Submission deadline:
All audition videos must be uploaded to the Drama Auditions assignment created on Google Classroom, on or before 20 August 2026.

Participants must clearly name their video file according to the sub-category they are entering, e.g. Monologue_Afrikaans_JohnSmith or ShortFilm_GroupA.

Possible categories in which participants can participate:

Monologue (Afrikaans/English)
- Time: Maximum 2 minutes
- Theme – *Iconic*
- Language: Afrikaans and/or English.
- Number of participants – individual participation only.
- No presentation may be read from a script.
- Participants are responsible for their own décor, sound, lighting, costumes, and recording quality.
- The audition must be submitted as a video on Google Classroom by 20 August 2026.

Own Choice
(Dramatised prose, dramatised poetry, advertising, mime, experimental theatre, stand-up comedy, rhyme or impromptu speech)
- Time: Maximum 2 minutes
- Theme – *Iconic*

- Language: Afrikaans and/or English.
- Number of participants – individual participation only.
- No presentation may be read from a script.
- Participants are responsible for their own décor, sound, lighting, costumes, and recording quality.
- The audition must be submitted as a video on Google Classroom by 20 August 2026.

Scene / Excerpt from a Scene (Afrikaans/English)

- Time: Maximum 3 minutes
- Theme – *Iconic*
- Language: Afrikaans and/or English.
- Number of participants – individuals or groups.
- Not all group members need to appear as actors in the performance. Directing, scriptwriting and sound may be assessed separately.
- No presentation may be read from a script.
- Participants are responsible for their own décor, sound, lighting, costumes, and recording quality.
- The audition must be submitted as a video on Google Classroom by 20 August 2026.

Short Film

- Duration: Maximum 3 minutes
- Theme – *Iconic*
- Number of participants – individual participation or groups.
- The short film must be submitted in MP4 format via Google Classroom by 20 August 2026.
- The film title, names of all group members and their respective responsibilities must be included in the submission.
- Not all group members need to appear as actors in the film. Directing, scriptwriting, editing and camera work may be assessed separately.
- Any camera or recording device may be used, provided that the final submission is in MP4 format.
- Participants are responsible for ensuring that their submission uploads successfully and is clearly labelled according to the sub-category entered.

Category D – Vocal

1. **Category D1: Solo**
2. **Category D2: Group**

Requirements:

- Time: Maximum 2 minutes
- Theme – *Iconic*
- Participants are responsible for their own accompaniment, backing tracks, etc.
- Backing tracks should be loaded onto a memory stick in MP3 format and handed over to the sound engineer when they are called for their audition.
- Basic audio equipment (microphone, CD player and keyboard) will be provided.
- A maximum of TWO individual items and TWO group items may be entered per learner.

- The choice of the song need not be related to the theme, but the costume, movements, etc. should reflect the theme.

Category E – Instrumental

1. **Category E1: Solo**
2. **Category E2: Group**

Requirements:

- Time: Maximum 2 minutes
- Theme – *Iconic*
- Any instrument or combination of instruments.
- Participants must provide their own instruments. (A keyboard will be provided.)
- No vocal parts.
- A maximum of TWO individual items and TWO group items may be entered per learner.
- Accompaniment is allowed.
- Sheet music must be handed in to the judge before the performance.
- The choice of the song need not be related to the theme, but the costume, movements, etc. should reflect the theme.

Category F – Dance

1. **Category F1: Solo**
2. **Category F2: Group**

Possible categories in which participants can participate:

- Ballet
- Contemporary
- Acrobatic dance
- Folk/Traditional dance
- Hip-Hop
- Free Style
- Ballroom
- Latin American dance
- Tap dance
- Float-step ("Float-stepping")

Requirements:

- Time: Maximum 2 minutes
- Theme – *Iconic*
- Number of participants – solo or groups.

- Participants must provide their own music on CD. The CD with music will be handed over to the sound engineer when learner(s) are called for the audition.
- A maximum of TWO individual items and TWO group items may be entered per learner. The choice of the song need not be related to the theme, but the costume, movements, etc. should reflect the theme.

Category G – Art and Photography

Possible categories in which participants can participate:

Painting

- Size: Maximum A2 (excluding frame)
- Theme – *Iconic*
- The form on the last page must be completed and pasted into the upper right corner of the artwork.

Drawing

- Size: Maximum A2 (excluding frame)
- Theme – *Iconic*
- All artwork must, upon submission, be framed with a black cardboard frame of 5 cm.
- The form on the last page must be completed and pasted onto the back of the artwork (lower right).

Photography: camera / digital

- Size: Maximum A4 (excluding frame)
- Theme – *Iconic*
- All photos must be pasted on black cardboard with a frame of 5 cm before submitting.
- Title of artwork.

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