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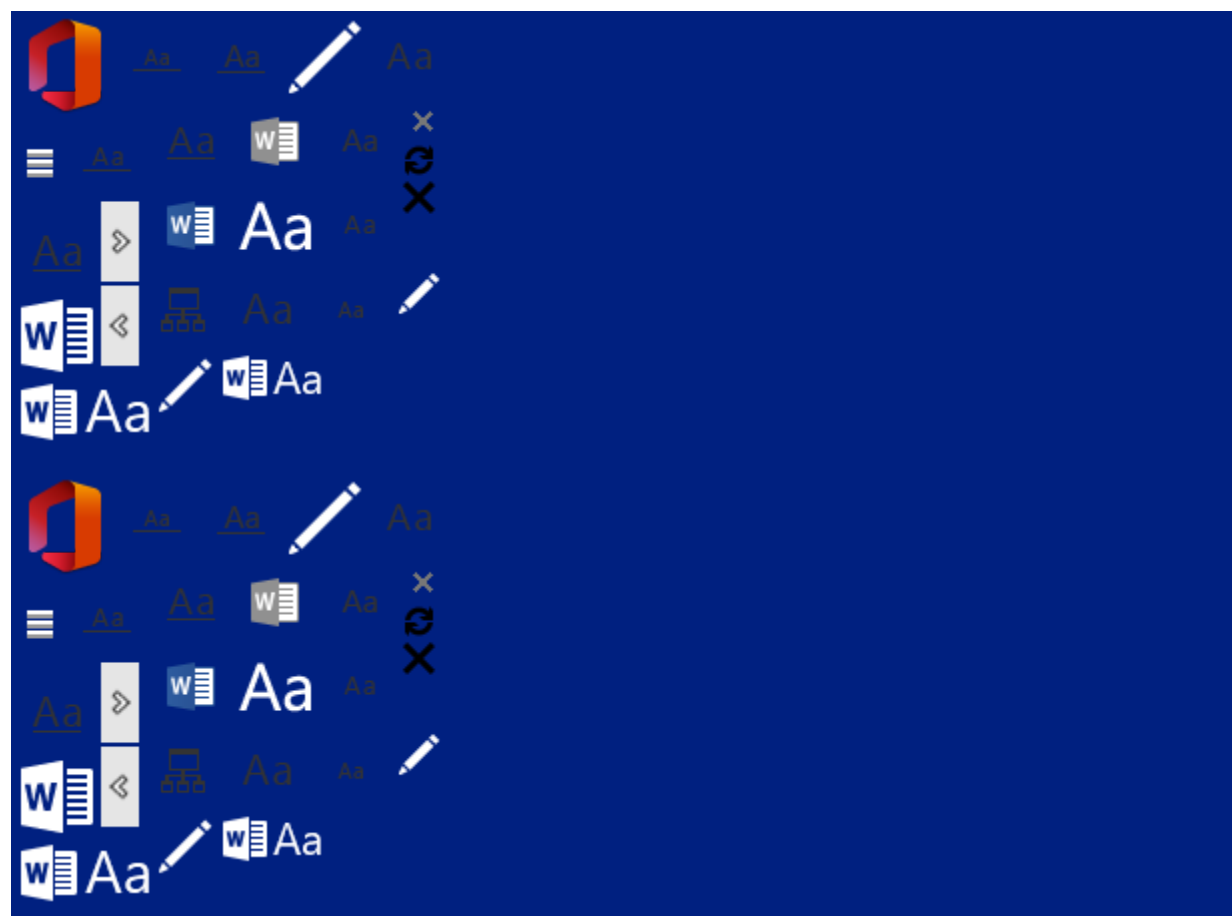
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Enquiries may be sent to [entries@haslemereinternationalstringcompetition.co.uk](mailto:entries@haslemereinternationalstringcompetition.co.uk)

#### Competition Eligibility:

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#### Video requirements for the 1st round:

- Each entry must be recorded in one take with no breaks; editing will result in disqualification.
- Professional quality recording is not mandatory. However, the sound must be clearly audible.
- Each entry must be uploaded as a single unlisted recording YouTube link.
- The applicant's name, age, and repertoire must be listed in the YouTube video description. For example: Jane Doe, 1st movement of Mozart Violin Concerto in D Major.
- The link must be emailed to us after filling in your application form which must include your name, age, address and phone number.
- Please also include a PDF link of your score or email a PDF to [entries@haslemereinternationalstringcompetition.co.uk](mailto:entries@haslemereinternationalstringcompetition.co.uk)

#### Additional Information:

- All applicants will be required to send a copy of their passport or other photo ID as proof of age
- The adjudicators' decisions are final
- The organisers reserve the right to alter the date of the adjudication if needed
- All under 18-year-olds **must** be accompanied by a parent or guardian

#### Adjudicators:

##### **1st round:**

Matthew Lloyd-Wilson

Joy Lisney

##### **2nd round:**

Clare Thompson  
Richard Jenkinson