



Speech Day 2026 – Senior Celebration

When should I arrive?

Please arrive at least **30 minutes before the ceremony** to allow sufficient time for registration and seating. We kindly ask that guests are seated before the ceremony begins.

- Students should arrive at 12.30
- Parents/guests should arrive at 13.00
- For families travelling a longer distance, guests are welcome to arrive from 12:30. Please note that students will need to remain with their allocated groups to complete preparations before the ceremony, whilst guests can purchase refreshments from the RSPA.

Where should I park?

There is **no parking on site**, except for Blue Badge holders. We encourage guests to walk, use public transport or nearby public car parks and allow extra time for their journey.

How many guests may attend?

Each student can bring two parents/carers/relatives per person.

Are young children permitted to attend?

No. Owing to the formal nature of the ceremony, young children are not permitted to attend.

Can younger siblings who attend Reading School attend?

Yes. Younger siblings who attend Reading School are welcome, provided they attend as one of the allocated guest places.

What should I wear?

As this is a formal celebration, guests are kindly asked to wear smart casual attire.

- **Students in the Class of 2025** should wear smart casual attire.
- **Students in the Class of 2026** are encouraged to wear their school uniform where possible. If they have outgrown their uniform, smart casual attire is perfectly acceptable.

As the official photographs and videography will become part of the School's historical record, we encourage members of the Class of 2026 to wear their school uniform if they are able to do so.

If I cannot attend when and where, can I collect my A level Certificates from?

Class of 2025 only

- You can collect your certificates from the school reception any time during school hours.
- You will need to ensure you bring a form of photo ID with you.
- Please be aware we break up for Summer on 15th July and return on 1st September 2026.

Class of 2026 only

Your certificates will be given out during your returning Speech Day celebrations held on **Tuesday 22 June 2027, please save this date.** However, if you need your A Level certificates before this time, they will be available for collection from Reception from about November 2026.

Can someone else collect my A Level Certificates on my behalf?

A nominated person is welcome to collect your certificates from reception on your behalf, **Monday to Friday during term time, between 8:00am and 3:00pm.**

Before we're able to release your certificates to someone else, we'll first need to **verify your identity.**

Along with the name of your nominated person, please could you please send exams@reading-school.co.uk cc reception@reading-school.co.uk and alumni@reading-school.co.uk the following:

- A copy of your passport or driving licence
- Your home address while you attended Reading School
- The name of your Year 13 tutor
- Your date of birth

Once we've verified these details, your nominated person will be able to collect the certificates on your behalf. They will need to bring a form of photo ID with them on the day.

Will refreshments be available?

Yes. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony, providing an opportunity to celebrate with students, families and staff. There will also be drinks and food available to purchase from the **Reading School Parents' Association.**

Where do I add any dietary requirements?

When your young person registers their guests, please ensure that any dietary requirements for all attendees are included.

Can I take photographs?

Yes. We ask that photographs are taken from your seat and that guests do not obstruct aisles or the view of others during the ceremony. There will be opportunities to take additional photographs after the event.

Photographs taken for personal use should not be shared on social media or other public platforms without the consent of those featured.

Will there be an official photographer?

Yes. An official photographer will be present and photographs may be used in Reading School publications and on the School's website and social media channels. If you have any concerns regarding photography, please contact events@reading-school.co.uk in advance.

What happens if my son is unable to attend?

Please notify the School as soon as possible by emailing events@reading-school.co.uk so that we can update our arrangements.

Is the venue accessible?

Yes. If you or one of your guests requires accessible seating or has any mobility or accessibility requirements, please let us know in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

What happens if I arrive late?

To minimise disruption, late arrivals may be asked to wait until an appropriate break in the ceremony before being shown to their seats.

Who can I contact if I have a question?

Please email events@reading-school.co.uk. During the summer holiday, the mailbox will be monitored intermittently, so there may be a short delay in our response. We appreciate your patience and will reply as soon as possible.