TUNBRIDGE WELLS ARTS FESTIVAL

SPEECH & DRAMA Syllabus

Adjudicator

Delmozene Morris-Ley

MA

Delmozene studied performance arts for three years at the Birmingham School of Speech & Dramatic Art with two years spent on the teaching course and a final year on the performance course. She has worked and continues to work professionally in theatre, film, TV and radio. Delmozene regularly reviews books for the quarterly publication "Word Matters".

During her varied career Delmozene has worked creatively with young people of all ages, from running drama workshops, teaching performance skills, and directing both improvised and scripted work on 'A' Level and BTEC Performing Arts Courses.

As an experienced Speech and Drama examiner she has travelled and examined extensively in her role. She has adjudicated writing, drama and speech festivals. These have included performances at Dulwich College, Wolverhampton Writers Festival and Coulsden and Purley Festival.

Delmozene is looking forward to adjudicating at the Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival in 2027.

SPEECH

Class	Age	Time	Fee
001 Verse Speaking up to Year 2 One poem to be recited from memory. Choreographed gestures are not permitted in Verse Speaking classes. Occasional spontaneous movements are acceptable.	Year 2 and under	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
002 Verse Speaking Year 3-4 One poem to be recited from memory. Choreographed gestures are not permitted in Verse Speaking classes. Occasional spontaneous movements are acceptable.	Year 3 to Year 4	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
003 Verse Speaking Year 5-6 One poem to be recited from memory. Choreographed gestures are not permitted in Verse Speaking classes. Occasional spontaneous movements are acceptable.	Year 5 to Year 6	Up to 3 mins	£8.50

Class	Age	Time	Fee
004 Senior Verse Speaking Year 7-13 One poem to be recited from memory. Choreographed gestures are not permitted in Verse Speaking classes. Occasional spontaneous movements are acceptable.	Year 7 to Year 13	Up to 4 mins	£9.00
005 Prose Reading up to Year 2 One passage from any work of fiction to be read, not memorised.	Year 2 and under	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
006 Prose Reading Year 3-4 One passage from any work of fiction to be read, not memorised.	Year 3 to Year 4	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
007 Prose Reading Year 5-6 One passage from any work of fiction to be read, not memorised.	Year 5 to Year 6	Up to 3 mins	£8.50
008 Senior Prose Reading Year 7-13 One passage from any work of fiction to be read, not memorised.	Year 7 to Year 13	Up to 4 mins	£9.00
009 Non-Competitive Speech (any age) One poem to be recited from memory OR one passage from any work of fiction to be read, not memorised. Choreographed gestures are not permitted in Verse Speaking classes. Occasional spontaneous movements are acceptable. Non-competitive performers will receive an adjudication but no mark.	Any	Up to 4 mins	£9.00

DRAMA

Class	Age	Time	Fee
010 Dramatic Solo up to Year 2 Monologue from any play excluding Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes	Year 2 and under	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
011 Dramatic Solo Year 3-4 Monologue from any play excluding Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes	Year 3 to Year 4	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
012 Dramatic Solo Year 5 Monologue from any play excluding Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes.	Year 5 only	Up to 3 mins	£8.50
013 Dramatic Solo Year 6 Monologue from any play excluding Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes.	Year 6 only	Up to 3 mins	£8.50
014 Junior Dramatic Duo or Trio up to Year 6 Duo or trio from any play excluding Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes. Group of 2 to 3 people	Year 6 and under	Up to 3 mins	£15.00 per duo/trio

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015 Dramatic Solo Year 7 Monologue from any play excluding Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes.	Year 7 only	Up to 4 mins	£9.00
016 Dramatic Solo Year 8 Monologue from any play excluding Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes.	Year 8 only	Up to 4 mins	£9.00
017 Dramatic Solo Year 9 Monologue from any play excluding Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes.	Year 9 only	Up to 4 mins	£9.00
018 Intermediate Dramatic Duo or Trio Year 7-9 Duo or trio from any play excluding Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes. Group of 2 to 3 people	Year 7 to Year 9	Up to 4 mins	£16.00 per duo/trio
019 Shakespeare Solo Year 7-13 Monologue from any play by Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes.	Year 7 to Year 13	Up to 5 mins	£9.50
020 Senior Drama Year 10-13 Solo, duo or trio from any play excluding Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes. Solo or Group of 2 to 3 people	Year 10 to Year 13	Up to 5 mins	Solo: £9.50 Duo/Trio: £17.00 per duo/trio
021 Non-Competitive Drama (any age) Solo, duo or trio from any play including Shakespeare. A short introduction should be given (not included in the time limit). Props may be used but no costumes. Non-competitive performers will receive an adjudication but no mark. Solo or Group of 2 to 3 people	Any	Up to 5 mins	Solo: £9.50 Duo/Trio: £17.00 per duo/trio

SPEECH & DRAMA VERSATILITY

Class	Age	Time	Fee
022 Speech & Drama Versatility up to Year 13 A varied programme comprising own choice of ONE of the following: - a poem to be recited from memory without choreographed gestures - an original poem to be recited from memory - a reading of one passage from any work of fiction, to be read not memorised PLUS - a dramatic solo from any play including Shakespeare. Props may be used but no costumes. NOTE: No items may be repeated in any other class.	Year 13 and under	Up to 10 mins	£14.00

POETRY COMPOSITION

Class	Age	Time	Fee
023 Poetry Composition up to Year 13 One original poem of not less than Sonnet length (14 lines), legibly written or typed. To be recited from memory without choreographed gestures. The performer should introduce the poem (not included in the time limit). Poems must be sent to the Chair by 21st February 2027.	Year 13 and under	Up to 4 mins	£9.00
024 Non-Competitive Poetry Composition (any age) One original poem, legibly written or typed. To be recited from memory without choreographed gestures. The performer should introduce the poem (not included in the time limit). Poems must be sent to the Chair by 21st February 2027.	Any	Up to 4 mins	£9.00

Awards

If you win your class, you may be eligible for an award. Class awards will be announced at the Festival and will be presented at the GEMS Concert & Prize Giving on Sunday 21 March 2027.