

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

The Irish Board of Speech & Drama
wishes you a phenomenally successful 2014

BOOK YOUR EXAMS NOW!!

If you have a date already planned for your exams, please let us know **NOW** so that we can put it in our exam diary as a provisional booking. The more notice you can give us of your proposed exam date(s) the better. February to June are our busiest months, especially just before and after Easter and either side of Bank Holidays and **quite a few of these dates are already heavily booked**. Please ensure that your proposed date doesn't clash with Communion and Confirmation dates, school tours, TY work experience and so on.

Bookings will be CONFIRMED only when we have received completed and signed entry forms. Entry Forms and fees MUST be received in the Irish Board office NO LATER than one calendar month prior to the proposed date of the exam. Forms may be posted, or scanned and emailed to us. Unfortunately, we can no longer confirm bookings on the basis of a phone call, text or email.

If you leave it until the last minute to try and book, it is likely that we won't be able to accommodate your preferred date.

Examination Regulations

In the Irish Board we try to keep the rules and bureaucracy to a minimum. Some rules are necessary to enable us to be as flexible as we are in relation to dates and other matters.

Our Examination Regulations are on p11 of the Syllabus. Please read them carefully.

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Among the other things you'll find on www.irishboard.ie, are the Syllabus, Entry Forms, Fees, and

- [Poetry Suggestions](#) for Grade exams
- A selection of [Lyric Poems](#) for Grade Six
- A guide to [Timing Your Exams](#), with average timings for Grade, Public Speaking and Communication Skills exams
- [Free Theory Guides](#) for Grade exams

NEW BOOK PUBLISHED

'**A Selection of Speech and Drama Solos, Duologues, Prose and Recitals**' by Deirdre Galassi and Finola Ryan has just been published and is available through www.dramabooks.ie. It contains selections adapted from Yeats, Chekhov, Joyce and others. Full details are available on dramabooks.ie, our one-stop shop for drama resources on which you'll find all our publications and CDs – short plays, monologues, duologues, teachers' handbooks, theory books, Movement to Music and Theory CDs.

Diploma Examination Date: June 2014

The June 2014 Diploma session will take place on Sunday 8 June 2014.

Diploma Examinations

In our Syllabus we provide a lot of information and guidance to candidates and their teachers in relation to what they are required to study and know for their exams, especially the written ones.

The full range of our Diploma Exams can be found from p36 of the Syllabus.

Please refer to the eligibility criteria for entry to our Diploma exams prior to applying. You will find the current eligibility criteria in the Downloads section of our website.

Entry Forms and sample exam papers from previous years' Associate and Licentiate exams are available from our website: www.irishboard.ie

Keep in Touch

If you have any questions at all or are looking for advice on any of our exams, please don't hesitate to contact us by phone or by email.