

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

The Irish Board of Speech & Drama wishes you a very successful 2012

Book your exam NOW!

February to June are our busiest months. 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. Please ensure that your proposed date doesn't clash with school tours, TY work experience and so on.

Exam dates will be confirmed on receipt of a completed and signed Entry Form(s) and fees, which must reach the office at least one month before the intended date of the exam.

Ordering Books?

We understand that some teachers can't, or would rather not, order books over the internet. Although on-line sales are still our preferred method, we are enclosing an Order Form with this Newsletter. Simply indicate the books and/or CDs you want to order, post the form to us with a cheque, draft or money order and we'll dispatch them to you as quickly as we can. Details about all our publications are on www.dramabooks.ie.

Diploma Information

The June 2012 Diploma session will take place on Sunday 10 June 2012.

In our Syllabus we provide 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. They are:

- Diploma of Associate in Acting Performance (formerly Acting Diploma)
- Diploma of Associate in Musical Theatre Performance
- Diploma of Associate (Teaching)
- Diploma of Licentiate (Teaching Diploma)
- Fellowship

Eligibility criteria for the diploma exams can be found in the Downloads section of our website and on the current entry forms.

Sample exam papers from previous years' Associate and Licentiate exams are also available on the site.

Resources

We've been VERY busy over the last few months, putting helpful and useful things on our website (www.irishboard.ie). Among these are:

- [Poetry Suggestions](#) for Grade examinations
- 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 examinations
- A [list of Feiseanna](#) in Ireland with dates, locations and contact details
- [Diploma past examination papers](#)

and, of course, Entry Forms and examination guidelines.

www.irishboard.ie

We've developed our website into a dynamic one stop shop for speech and drama teachers, with news and a blog containing contacts and resources gleaned from the internet. And, as you know, we are also on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Please remember that if you have any questions at all about the exams or the exam process, please don't hesitate to contact us by phone or email.