

Starburst Speech & Drama Exam

Grade 4

Preparation for Exams

You will be shortly taking the Grade 4 Starburst Exam. The content of your exam is as follows:

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Requirements:

1. Speak from memory a short Poem.
2. Announce and perform a one minute Story Mime of your choice

Preparation for poem

Please recite your poem every day so that you will become familiar with it and will know it by heart by the day of your exam. When reciting your poem, think about what you are saying and what mood you are trying to convey.

Preparing for your mime

When miming a character, the candidate must be aware of his/her age, social position, body shape and movement characteristics.

-ALWAYS announce the title of your mime

When manipulating objects, the candidate should remember that all objects occupy space, have weight and, often, resistance. For example, if you are opening a door towards you, remember the door may be locked

As with all dramatic activities, pace and pause are important. Take your time and articulate your movements clearly.

-Remember that you do not have your voice to convey emotion and therefore your audience must see the emotion in your body and especially your face.

-Please keep all of this in mind when you are practising your mime at home.

