

MILTON KEYNES SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL 2024 – IMPORTANT DETAILS



Please read this letter carefully as it contains all the information for your performance at the Milton Keynes Speech and Drama Festival to be held on Saturday 24 February and Sunday 25 February 2024 at



Walton High, Fyfield Barrow, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes MK7 7WH

Along with this letter you should also have received confirmation of the room, day(s) and time(s) of your performance(s) – these times cannot be changed.

About Our Festival: The first Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts was held in Bletchley in 1968 organised by a team of unpaid, dedicated volunteers, on a self-funding basis. The accent of Milton Keynes Festival is to value every performance and make it a special, meaningful but nonetheless enjoyable and constructive event for those taking part, rather than an accent on “winning”. The Committee hopes that you have a rewarding and enjoyable festival. The following information may help you:

- **Important:** **On arrival at the Festival, please go to the reception desk, which is situated in the foyer of The Venue Theatre**, where you will be directed to your performance space by the receptionist, spectators pay to enter and you can buy a programme if you want one.
- There is free parking at Walton High but please allow time on the day to find the venue, park up, check in at reception (where there may be a queue) and find your performance room in time for your class.
- **Important:** **Be sure to bring with you a copy of your piece(s) for the adjudicator. We have no copying facilities at the venue.**
- Don't worry if some of your classes show the same time – this is not an error, it means that they run straight after each other along with other classes with all the adjudicator's comments at the end.

Watching Festival Performances: We welcome friends, family and members of the public to come and sit in and watch any of the performances, for which we make a small charge (cash or card payment accepted) as follows:
Adults £3 single session or £5 full day – children and students are free of charge.

Festival Programme: There is a specially printed programme showing all the performances in detail and this can be purchased at the festival reception desk.

Catering at the Festival: Tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be available for purchase in the theatre foyer. There is also a Tesco Express and public house within walking distance.

Feedback and Certificates: All performers receive a written feedback sheet and a certificate which they bring away with them on the day, plus there are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners' medals awarded as appropriate, plus additional trophies in some classes.

Child Protection Policy: A copy of the Child Protection Policy drawn up by this Festival for the protection of all vulnerable adults and children under the age of 18 is shown on our website and in the syllabus.

Photography and Video: Photography or video using mobile phones or cameras is not allowed during any of our classes for copyright and child protection reasons.

We look forward to seeing you at the festival. Any queries just get in touch.

Best wishes

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