

The Leinster School of Music & Drama Teacher's Information Pack 2026-2027

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Workshop Information

- **Workshops** will be held throughout the year for Music, Speech & Drama. Please see the workshops section of this pack for further details. **There is an exciting new format as we will hold two FREE workshops for LSMD teachers starting with a Back-to-School Webinar in September.** After the Workshops a Certificate of attendance for **Continuous Professional Development** will be awarded to all LSMD teachers who attend. Updates will be posted on the website and sent via email in the coming months.

The Excellence Awards - New Format for Nominees

- We are delighted to announce the winners of the LSMD Excellence Awards for Music and Speech & Drama, please find details enclosed. We plan to invite all the prize-winners to Dublin to be presented with their prizes, during the October/November midterm break. Judges have said that the standard in the Excellence Awards was very high. Congratulations to all students and teachers! **Please see further details enclosed and categories for breakdown of winners.**

Online Examination Application Forms

- Teachers can now fill in the examination application form online and submit exam entries at the touch of a button. **Please see exam section of web griffith.ie/lsm-d-exams to avail of this facility.** To apply online please click on griffith.ie/lsm-d-exam-form. Alternatively, you can email the exam details directly to leinster.school@griffith.ie

Online Payment of Examination Fees

- Teachers can submit payment of fees online please click on <https://themis.griffith.ie/pay-online/information> and click on the following:
- **Programme Tuition Fee**
- **Student number 3155772 (Music exams) or 3155776 (Drama exams)**
- **Campus = Dublin**
- **Faculty = 'Music, Music Production and Drama'**
- **Programme Title = Music Exam or Drama Exam (for The Leinster School of Music & Drama Exams)**

There is no charge for using a debit card, but please note that there is an additional 2% fee when using visa/credit cards. Once the transaction is complete you will be emailed with a receipt of this payment to submit with your exam form.

Examination Deadlines

Pre Christmas Exams: 1st November. Pre-Easter Exams: 1st February. Post Easter Exams: 1st March.

Professional Practice

Child Protection & Garda Vetting Process

Please note that all candidates who wish to do the old syllabus associate, proficiency and licentiate music or drama exams are now required to complete the Griffith College Child Protection module. On completion of this session candidates can have their Garda Vetting forms processed through the LSMD and submitted to the Garda Vetting office. Candidates must complete this as a requirement to graduate. Completion of this course is already compulsory in the QQI Higher Diploma in Arts in Drama Education programmes.

This course will take place on Saturday 5th December from 10am to 5pm. In order to register for this, please email us to book your place, the fee is €250.00 for LSMD teachers and students to attend on campus. Old syllabus diploma students also have the option to view the **Child Protection Programme by video link online, the price to register for the online option is €100, and this can be viewed on your personal computer at a time that suits, once registration is complete.**

Teachers can now register for this Child Protection Programme. Please click on <https://themis.griffith.ie/pay-online/information> and

- Programme Tuition Fee
- Student number 3155772 (Music exams) or 3155776 (Drama exams)
- Campus = Dublin
- Faculty = 'Music, Music Production and Drama'
- Programme Title = Music Exam or Drama Exam (for The Leinster School of Music & Drama Exams)

Drama Teachers should insert the student number 3155776 and Music Teachers should insert the student number 3155772. There is no charge for using a debit card, please note that there is an additional 2% fee when using visa/credit cards. Once the transaction is complete you will be emailed with a receipt of this payment to submit to the email address Leinster.exams@griffith.ie and the log-in details for the online programme will be emailed to you.

Recent updates

LSMD Connect

The aim of LSMD Connect is to provide a platform for LSMD teachers to connect, share and learn together. We want to make music and drama accessible to the wider community and to create a shared network. We understand that community is an important factor in creating an inclusive environment for music, drama and the arts. To sign up for LSMD Connect please click <https://forms.office.com/e/n8dT7xW9Wb> and complete the online registration form.

Diploma and Higher Diploma Courses

We are currently enrolling for the QQI Validated Level 8, Higher Diploma in Arts in Drama Education Programme and Drama Certificate programmes including;

- 15 Credits Certificate in Drama Performance Programme (& Associate Diploma).
- 45 Credits Certificate in Drama Education Programme (& Licentiate Diploma).
- 60 Credits Higher Diploma in Arts in Drama Education Programme.
- Blended evening, weekend and online programmes in Griffith College. For further information please see the website griffith.ie/lsm�. Past students who have completed their LSMD grade 10 exams are eligible to apply for the **Sheila Murphy Scholarship fund for these programmes**, please see further information attached.

Online Exams

Further information on the LSMD online exams including Traditional Irish Music exams can be found on the exam section of the web griffith.ie/lsmd-exams.

Syllabus updates.

Following on from a recent LSMD examiners meeting the following updates are now available:

Violin Syllabus updates:

Violin students are permitted to prepare a third piece of music for their grade exam in place of a Study for their exam. (A study can still be prepared for the exams as set out in the syllabus; the third piece is another option for the exams).

Additional pieces for the violin syllabus will be available and on the LSMD website in due course.

Classical Singing Syllabus updates:

The examiners will be developing a Preparatory and Primary grade Classical Singing Grade exam. Details of these new exams will be updated to the LSMD Website.

Piano Syllabus Updates:

Additional pieces for the piano syllabus will be listed on the LSMD syllabus in due course. The LSMD also plans to develop a new piano examination syllabus, which we plan to have produced in 2027. The new and current syllabus will run concurrently for the first two years again.

Any suggestions for the new syllabus, including recommended pieces can be emailed to us on Leinster.school@griffith.ie for review.

Piano Performance Only Level Exams:

Students are permitted to perform 5 pieces of music for the Piano Performance Level exams. The marking structure is 18 Marks per piece and 10 Marks for Overall Impression & Choice of Programme.

Excellence Awards Updates:

Examiners have proposed a new/updated category for Public Speaking and Effective Communication nominations; they will also be included for consideration in the Excellence Awards Competition.

The Sheila Murphy Scholarship Awards

The Leinster School of Music & Drama Honours Arts Patron with “The Sheila Murphy Music and Drama Scholarship Award”

The Leinster School of Music & Drama (LSMD) at Griffith College have announced the launch of **The Sheila Murphy Music and Drama Scholarship Awards** in memory of former director of the school, Miss Sheila Murphy.

Originally from Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, Sheila was a cherished member of the team at the LSMD and was appointed to the position of director in the 80s. Very much the essence of the music and drama school, the number of students increased from 3,000 to 15,000 in over 300 centres nationwide under her excellent guidance.

To mark the anniversary of Sheila’s passing, the scholarship serves to pay tribute to the contribution Sheila made to the school and her love for music and drama which spanned over five decades.

Head of Faculty of The Leinster School of Music & Drama, Karen Casey said, *“Sheila was an inspiration to the thousands of students who passed through the doors of The Leinster School of Music & Drama. She is sorely missed but I think she would be happy to know that her name will go on to help and inspire future music and drama students and teachers in Ireland.”*

These Scholarships will be available from September to LSMD students who have completed their LSMD Grade 10 to progress to **The Certificate in Drama Performance QQI 15 Credits Programme, (LSMD Drama Associate Diploma)**. The scholarship has a value of approx. €2500 euro and can be used to pay for the 15 credits programme, or in part payment towards the 45 credit or 60 credit programmes, depending on the number of suitable applicants who apply for the scholarship.

Candidates (18 years of age and over) wishing to apply for the scholarship should apply before 31st August, on-line/by post, include transcripts, a cover letter stating their interest in applying for the scholarship and the name of their music/drama teacher who may also offer a reference for the candidate. Please contact us at The Leinster School of Music & Drama for further details, other terms and conditions apply.

LSMD Teachers are advised that they may send details of this scholarship to students who they have taught in previous years, these scholarships are open to all LSMD candidates who have completed their grade 10 in Speech & Drama exams on the old/new syllabus. Please see griffith.ie/lsm-d-exams for further details.

Upskill for the Future: The LSMD Higher Diploma in Arts in Drama Education

As the educational landscape in Ireland continues to evolve, teachers are increasingly called upon to expand their skill sets and embrace new opportunities for professional development. One of the most exciting recent developments at second level is the introduction of the new Leaving Certificate subject in Drama, Film and Theatre Studies (DFTS), set to bring performance, creativity, and critical thinking to centre stage in our schools.

In response to this, The Leinster School of Music & Drama (LSMD) at Griffith College Dublin, has enhanced its Higher Diploma in Arts in Drama Education—a part-time, flexible programme specifically designed for educators, practitioners, and aspiring drama teachers. Now more than ever, this programme stands out as a timely and ideal upskilling opportunity for post-primary teachers preparing to deliver the new subject and integrate performance-based learning into their teaching practice.

At its core, the LSMD Higher Diploma blends academic theory with hands-on practice, offering a comprehensive exploration of drama pedagogy, performance, voice, movement, and directing. With flexible delivery through blended learning, it supports working professionals who wish to balance career and study. Importantly, it is fully accredited at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

New for this academic year is the exciting addition of a module in Practical, Visual Storytelling—a direct response to the growing need for interdisciplinary teaching in drama, film, and theatre. This module equips teachers with the skills to incorporate multimedia and digital storytelling techniques into classroom practice, reflecting the integrated nature of the new Leaving Cert subject. From stagecraft to screen, students of the programme will explore the language of visual narratives and learn how to guide their pupils in developing performances that are both technically competent and creatively engaging.

For English teachers, Transition Year coordinators, and educators with a passion for the arts, the LSMD Higher Diploma in Arts in Drama Education provides not only a pathway to subject specialisation, but also the tools to support cross-curricular collaboration, enhance student engagement, and nurture artistic expression within school communities. Graduates of the programme have gone on to establish drama departments, lead theatre productions, and develop innovative classroom projects rooted in performance and storytelling.

As schools prepare for the rollout of Drama, Film and Theatre Studies, now is the perfect time for teachers to invest in their professional development and position themselves as leaders in arts education. The LSMD Higher Diploma in Arts in Drama Education offers the training, support, and inspiration to meet this moment—and to shape the future of creative learning in Irish classrooms.

Applications are now open for the next intake. For more information, please visit griffith.ie/LSMD or contact the LSMD directly at admissions@griffith.ie



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Griffith College Library

If you require any assistance in sourcing material, please feel free to contact the GCD library, as a Teacher with the LSMD you can borrow material from their extensive range. ***Teachers do not need to travel into GCD to collect the books, our librarians are happy to post the material to you!!*** You can contact the librarians ***at 01 4150490/1/2 or by email at – library@griffith.ie*** where they will be happy to assist you. Please see the website where you can search for the books in stock in the library's catalogue.

In addition to texts and scripts used in The Leinster School of Music & Drama syllabus we hold collections both for adult and children's drama. We also have a number of books on drama/music in education and drama/music theory, as well as on stage direction and production. We currently have over 700 scores of sheet music catalogued and are adding to this number all the time.

Using the Library Catalogue:

'The catalogue can be accessed online through the library link on the main Griffith College website. You can organise your search by author, subject or discipline. If you are finding it difficult to source a particular item, please feel free to contact the library as we are happy to see if we can get it through our contacts.' - the GCD Librarians. Please click on the following link to bring you to the Library and LSMD catalogue; [The LSMD Sheet Music Catalogue](#)

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Even more ways to keep in touch!

Why not visit our web page – griffith.ie/lsm� and read all about The Leinster School of Music & Drama and Griffith College Dublin? We have updated our website and at the touch of a button you can avail of further exam forms, report card details, new syllabus information and updates etc.

Any ideas or contributions that you wish to add or that you think would be of benefit to our teachers/students, please feel free to contact us to discuss them. We will update this news board regularly with news events regarding The LSMD. Don't forget to let us know about any concerts that you plan to hold and that maybe we can help with – whether it is advertising / programmes etc. – let us know. **Also, if you like the Griffith College Facebook page we will have regular updates there too. Tell us about the other LSMD success stories!**

Students past and present are prominent performers both at national and international level. Leinster School alumni include, amongst others: Aoibhin Garrihy, Lucy O'Byrne (The Voice UK), presenter Laura Whitmore and Al Porter. Tell us about the other success stories of students past and present so we can follow their success!

You can also email me on karen.casey@griffith.ie with your views, queries and exam entries. Or write to us at – The Leinster School of Music & Drama, Griffith College Dublin, South Circular Road, Dublin 8.
Leinster.school@griffith.ie or Tel - 01 4150 466/7 Fax - 01 4549265

Workshops & Training Sessions

We plan to hold a series of workshops/teacher training days throughout the year in Speech & Drama and Music to go out online from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

The webinar workshops being held in September 2026 (and/2027) are **FREE** to all LSMD teachers & diploma students!! Please email leinster.school@griffith.ie to register for them.

(The price for a place at each workshop-€100 for non LSMD candidates wishing to attend.) The LSMD reserves the right to make changes to these workshops if necessary. **We will email you a reminder of these webinar workshop dates prior to each one.**

Speech & Drama & Music Workshops

SPEECH & DRAMA

As we gear up for the start of a new school year, The LSMD understands that returning to the classroom can feel overwhelming. After a long break, many of us find ourselves searching for fresh ideas and inspiration. Whether it's discovering new warm-ups, lesson materials, or revisiting classic exercises we may have forgotten, we're all in this together!

That's why we're excited to announce the **Back to School Workshop Webinar** hosted by The LSMD this **September 2026**. This online recorded workshop is specially designed to equip you with valuable resources to kickstart your new term. Our aim is to provide you with everything you need to make this school year a resounding success. We will forward you on the webinar details in early September so that you can log on to this too.

Please find the links for the previous three webinar recordings listed below if you would like to catch up with them now too.

Mime Workshop

Following on from our previous Mime Workshop and due to the very positive response from LSMD participants, **the highly acclaimed James Riordan will be returning for another Mime Workshop in 2027**. We plan to stream this workshop and will contact you with further details nearer the time. In the meantime, you can click on:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DVvXKSWISu4/>

MUSIC

We will be holding a one day workshop/webinar online, in **2026/7** (date to be confirmed) **from 11am – 1pm** for our music teachers. Our workshop will cover a range of topics. Teachers are invited to submit their questions or topics that they would like highlighted regarding the examining process in general, please email leinster.school@griffith.ie in advance of the workshops and we will forward the topics/questions to the examiners. Further details on these workshops will be included in the upcoming LSMD Newsletter which will be emailed to LSMD teachers in the near future.

All LSMD Teachers who attend the workshops will be issued with a Certificate of Continuous Professional Development. These certificates can be used to promote LSMD teachers and is further acknowledgement that the LSMD teachers continue to maintain excellence when it comes to teaching and best practice in the industry.

Please find the links for the previous three Back to School webinar recordings on the next page:

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Effective Communication

<https://griffith.zoom.us/rec/share/a1uxVj3CeU7xuW9XVD67dDfn-I-XFaOM4PWzi9BAiYxeelNIGcBWAii-DLCTskXB.5YqSY4sKkCSPy7f3?startTime=1745410030000>

Public Speaking

<https://griffith.zoom.us/rec/share/a1uxVj3CeU7xuW9XVD67dDfn-I-XFaOM4PWzi9BAiYxeelNIGcBWAii-DLCTskXB.5YqSY4sKkCSPy7f3?startTime=1745414463000>

TY Programme

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Continuous Professional Development

We are delighted to announce that following the success of last years CPD: LSMD teachers will be awarded a certificate of attendance after the workshops. This cert will be testament to the LSMD teachers **Continuous Professional Development**. The newly awarded certs can be used by LSMD teachers on their social media platforms to promote their continued dedication to upskilling in both music and drama teaching.

On completion of a number of these teacher training programmes over the next few years, teachers may then be awarded with Platinum Cert recognition for Continuous Professional Development and Exam Centres of Excellence.

We would highly recommend these workshops to teachers and students who are involved in grade and diploma level examinations.

The Speech and Drama Teachers of Ireland are delighted to announce details of our workshop. Please contact SDToI directly for further details on this workshop. We are now taking bookings for our summer workshop with David Farmer. David has been working hard to put together a workshop that will refresh our creative minds and help us prepare for the term ahead. Check out everything you need to know about David and his extensive work facilitating Speech and Drama Teachers. <https://dramaresource.com/about/>

This workshop will be held in Booterstown Parish Centre on Sunday, August 30th 2026, from 10am-4pm. Meet and greet from 9:30am. Click onto the website <https://speechanddramateachersofireland.ie/> to book a place.

The Leinster School of Music & Drama Teacher's Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter with information relating to the field of Music and Speech & Drama. We hope you find the following information helpful. If you have any information you would like us to include in this newsletter or have found websites you believe may be of interest to other teachers please email details to us.

Old Syllabus Speech & Drama and Music Diploma Examinations - will be held in Griffith College Dublin in June and December (depending on numbers). Individual dates and times will be confirmed nearer to the exam dates. Students and Teachers can avail of past exam papers from the webpage – griffith.ie/lsm-d-exams. Please note that any candidates wishing to cancel/postpone their diploma exam within four weeks of the diploma exam date in June and December sittings will incur a €100 cancellation fee.

NB only candidates who complete the 15 credits Certificate in Drama Performance (& Associate Diploma), the 45 credits Certificate in Drama Education (& Licentiate Diploma), or 60 credits Higher Diploma in Arts in Drama Ed Course here in Griffith College and complete and pass all exams & assignments will receive the QQI credit awards.

Old syllabus Associate and Licentiate candidates are not awarded these credits - the old syllabus diplomas alone are not on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Insurance Options for Teachers

Music and Speech & Drama Teachers Insurance - available to LSMD teachers at a reduced rate from 175 euro. Coverage starting from September/October 1st includes –

- Limit of Indemnity € 6,500,000.
- Option to include Employers Liability Insurance if required.
- Activities covered Music, Media, Speech & Drama Classes, Seminars and Lectures, Students Concert for parents & families at Christmas or end of year and attendance at Exam days.
- No restrictions on the number of classes
- Option to add on Camps at Christmas, Easter and Summer at an additional charge.
- Indemnity to: - Schools Principal, Community Hall Associations automatically covered.
- This insurance cover will also facilitate online classes.

Contact: O Mahony Insurances Ltd T/A OMI, Exham House, The Fingerpost, Douglas, Cork. For more information please contact – David O'Mahony david.omahony@omi.ie or telephone: 021 4891288. Web www.omi.ie or email teachsave@omi.ie

Some of the above information may be subject to change.

Graduation Ceremonies at Griffith College Dublin

The Leinster School of Music & Drama Graduation Ceremony –The Speech & Drama *Licentiate and Associate Diploma* as well as the *Music Proficiency and Diploma* candidates who passed their exams in the December and June sittings were invited to participate in the Griffith College graduation ceremony that was held *here in Griffith College Dublin*. We can look forward to graduation this year in **November**; ceremonies will take place here in Griffith College's *state of the art auditorium*. This facility holds 650 people theatre style and is available for hire for shows/conferences. If you wish to produce a show and would like details on hiring this auditorium, please feel free to contact us and we will send you details. Details of the graduation will be sent out by our Graduation Office detailing times, dates, robes, photographs etc. Updates will also be posted on the website at www.griffith.ie/graduation.

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Examination Entry Form

Please read the information pack provided before completing the form. All information must be provided clearly in **BLOCK CAPITALS** with blue or black ink.

TEACHERS INFORMATION

Teacher's Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Name of School: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Fax Number: _____

Address to which report cards & exam results should be posted:

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Examination Centre: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Dates: _____

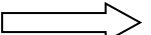
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For Office Use Only

REF _____ Duration _____ Examiner(s) _____

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Exam Date _____ Cards _____ Certs _____

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Teachers Name: _____

Reference No: _____

	Student name as it is to appear on Certificate i.e. First name followed by Surname. BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE.	Subject	Grade	Fee
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If possible please list names in grade order and leave a 2 line gap at changes in grades.

Medal List

MEDALS AWARDED FOR LSMD EXAMINATIONS (95% AND OVER)

SOLO ACTING

Grade One	Silver Plated
Grade Two	Silver Plated
Grade Three	Silver Plated
Grade Four	Silver Plated
Grade Five	Silver/Green
Grade Six	Silver
Certificate	Silver

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Grade One	Silver Plated
Grade Two	Silver Plated
Grade Three	Silver Plated
Grade Four	Silver/Green
Grade Five	Silver/Green
Grade Six	Silver
Certificate	Silver

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Grade Three	Silver Plated
Grade Four	Silver Plated
Grade Five	Silver/Green
Grade Six	Silver/Green
Grade Seven	Gilt
Certificate	Gilt
Transition	Gilt

SPEECH & DRAMA + MUSICAL THEATRE

Grade Three	Silver Plated
Grade Four	Silver Plated
Grade Five	Silver/Green
Grade Six	Silver/Green
Grade Seven	Gilt
Grade Eight	Gilt
Grade Nine	Gilt
Grade Ten	Silver
Certificate	Silver

GUITAR

Preparatory	Silver Plated
Grade One	Silver Plated
Grade Two	Silver Plated
Grade Three	Silver Green
Grade Four	Silver Green
Grade Five	Gilt
Grade Six	Gilt
Grade Seven	Silver
Grade Eight	Silver

SINGING

Grade One	Silver Plated
Grade Two	Silver Plated
Grade Three	Silver/Green
Grade Four	Silver/Green
Grade Five	Gilt
Grade Six	Gilt
Grade Seven	Silver
Grade Eight	Silver

PIANO

Preparatory	Silver Plated
Grade One	Silver Plated
Grade Two	Silver Plated
Grade Three	Silver/Green
Grade Four	Silver/Green
Grade Five	Gilt
Grade Six	Gilt
Grade Seven	Silver
Grade Eight	Silver

(Repertoire medals 70% and over)

VIOLIN and CELLO

Preparatory	Silver Plated
Grade One	Silver Plated
Grade Two	Silver Plated
Grade Three	Silver/Green
Grade Four	Silver/Green
Grade Five	Gilt
Grade Six	Gilt
Grade Seven	Silver
Grade Eight	Silver

RECORDER, FLUTE, CLARINET & THEORY DUOLOGUES

Grade Three	Silver Plated
Grade Four	Silver Plated
Grade Five	Silver/Green
Grade Six	Silver/Green
Grade Seven	Silver
Grade Eight	Silver

Grade Three	Silver Plated
Grade Four	Silver Plated
Grade Five	Silver/Green

Examination Entry Fees (August 2026 - August 2027)

MUSIC & SINGING

Introductory	€32.00
Primary	€33.00
Preparatory	€40.00
Grade 1	€43.00
Grade 2	€48.00
Grade 3	€50.00
Grade 4	€53.00
Grade 5	€59.00
Grade 6	€64.00
Grade 7	€70.00
Grade 8	€76.00
Junior Repertoire	€55.00
Middle Repertoire	€69.00
Senior Repertoire	€88.00
Certificate in Singing	€150.00

SPEECH & DRAMA

Introductory	€28.00
Preliminary	€30.00
Primary	€31.00
Grade 1	€35.00
Grade 2	€39.00
Grade 3	€44.00
Grade 4	€46.00
Grade 5	€51.00
Grade 6	€55.00
Grade 7	€56.00
Grade 8	€57.00
Grade 9	€66.00
Grade 10	€80.00
Certificate	€95.00

CHORAL VERSE SPEAKING

Preliminary	€58.00
Primary	€58.00
Grade 1	€58.00
Grade 2	€58.00
Grade 3	€71.00
Grade 4	€71.00
Grade 5	€71.00
Grade 6	€71.00
Grade 7	€71.00

HIGHER LEVEL/DIPLOMA EXAMINATIONS

Speech Associate*	€460.00
Music Proficiency*	€460.00
Licentiate*	€600.00
Professional Diploma*	€600.00
Fellowship*	€660.00
Repeat Practical*	€132.00
Repeat Written*	€132.00

(*The above are all "old syllabus" LSMD exams not QQI courses)

MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO GRADES

Grade 1	€36.00
Grade 2	€41.00
Grade 3	€47.00
Grade 4	€48.00
Grade 5	€53.00
Grade 6	€59.00
Grade 7	€60.00
Grade 8	€61.00

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Preliminary	€33.00
Primary	€33.00
Grade 1	€35.00
Grade 2	€37.00
Grade 3	€39.00
Grade 4	€48.00
Grade 5	€53.00
Certificate	€67.00

MUSIC THEORY (price per exam)

Preparatory	€20.00
Grade 1 & 2	€26.00
Grade 3, 4 & 5	€29.00
Grade 6, 7 & 8	€45.00

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Preliminary	€33.00
Primary	€33.00
Grade 1	€34.00
Grade 2	€41.00
Grade 3	€45.00
Grade 4	€50.00
Grade 5	€53.00
Grade 6	€56.00
Grade 7	€67.00
Certificate	€70.00
Transition	€39.00**
Interview Skills 8	€39.00**

(**special offer price)

SOLO ACTING

Grade 1	€51.00
Grade 2	€52.00
Grade 3	€60.00
Grade 4	€65.00
Grade 5	€75.00
Grade 6	€82.00
Certificate	€87.00

DUOLOGUES (price per student)

Grade 1	€28.00
Grade 2	€28.00
Grade 3	€33.00
Grade 4	€33.00
Grade 5	€42.00

GROUP DRAMA

Grade 1	€52.00
Grade 2	€52.00
Grade 3	€52.00
Grade 4	€52.00

MUSICAL THEATRE DUETS

Grade 1	€29.00
Grade 2	€33.00
Grade 3	€34.00
Grade 4	€35.00
Grade 5	€40.00
Grade 6	€48.00
Grade 7	€52.00
Grade 8	€57.00

Excellence Award Winners 2026

Speech & Drama Quarterfinalists -

Student's names & counties

- 1. Ellen Jane Doyle – Dublin*
- 2. Mila Flodgell - Dublin*
- 3. Roisin Sheehy – Dublin*
- 4. Charlie Church - Wexford*

Teacher's/school names

Gillian Oman/ITW
Mary Hennessey
Lynn Brehony (Heather & Clodagh)
Paula Breen D'Arcy

Music Regional Quarterfinalists -

Student's names & counties

- 1. Natalia Nowojeska - Cork (Piano)*
- 2. Catherine Lahy - Dublin (Musical Theatre)*
- 3. Emma Penny - Meath (Piano)*
- 4. Dovudas Makaras - Meath (Piano)*
- 5. Leo Onofri (Junior Award) -Meath (Piano)*

Teacher's/school names

Santa Ignace
Gillian Oman/ITW
Siobhán Blake Lynch
Aisling Cullinan
Martina Toher

Special Recognition/highly commended students listed followed by teachers name;

Speech & Drama; Mebh Duke (Claire Power), Seamus Wheelan (Gillian Oman), Se McDermott (Ruth Lonergan), Jessica Nesbitt (Niamh Carroll) and Francesca Darcy (Lynn Brehony, Heather Visocchi and Clodagh Rycraft).

Music; Patricia Lacausta Piano (Lilian Giber Opacak), Evan Cahill Piano (Siobhán Blake Lynch), Mihai Cepoia Piano (Aisling Cullinan), Katie Kavanagh Musical Theatre (Elaine Gallagher), Aoibhinn O'Neill Musical Theatre (Elaine Gallagher), Cedhla Crossan Musical Theatre (Lorraine Wynne) and Sofia Serhila Musical Theatre (Lorraine Wynne).

The Overall Winner of the LSMD Excellence Award

For Speech & Drama Performance 2026

Ellen Jane Doyle (Teacher Gillian Oman ITW)

The Overall Winner of the LSMD Excellence Award

For Music Performance 2026

Natalia Nowojeska (Teacher Santa Ignace)

Congratulations to Ellen Jane, Natalia and their Teachers!



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The National Competition for students taking LSMD grade examinations in music & drama

- Examiners will nominate students excelling in the performance of a particular piece of music, singing, speech or drama to compete at national level.
- **Examiners have proposed a new/updated category for Public Speaking and Effective Communication nominations, they will also be included for consideration.*
- Nominees then submit a video link of their performance
- Finalists will be chosen in the category of speech & drama and in the category of music and singing. Winners will be chosen in the following groups –
 - **1st Place = Overall Winner**
 - **2nd Place = Runner up (Senior Age/Grade Award)**
 - **3rd Place = Runner up (Junior Age/Grade Award)**
 - **4th Place = Runner up (All Awards/Ages)**

The overall winners of the Excellence Awards for Music & Drama will be chosen from video links/call-backs, they will also be invited to perform at the **Excellence Awards Concert in the Griffith College Auditorium.**

Prizes

Excellence Award Winner for Drama €300.00 & Trophy.

Excellence Award Winner for Music €300.00 & Trophy.

Finalists/runner up places €100.00 & Silver Medal.

Excellence Award Certificates will also be issued to all nominated students following the exams.

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