



ESB Level 3 Certificate in Speech (Grade 8)

- This course is a speaking and listening activity that gives Year 12 students the opportunity to achieve an internationally recognised qualification along with **24, 27 or 30 UCAS points** depending on grading.
- There are four main gradings – Pass, Good Pass, Merit and Distinction with sub gradings for each of these.
- This is classed as Grade 8 in Speech and Drama in UCAS.
- The course allows learners to demonstrate their oracy skills at an advanced level. The four sections of the qualification are: **presenting, reviewing a newspaper article, giving a literary recommendation, and discussion skills**. It provides excellent opportunities to support academic learning and enrichment promoting confidence and designed to develop learners' speaking, reading, listening and responding skills.
- Students prepare and present three different tasks and presentations in front of an **external assessor in school and the other students who they have chosen to work with**. This will tend to be groups of 5 or 6 who are in the assessment for about 3 hours - **each student is presenting for about 25 minutes in total**, with one task led as a group discussion.
- This is a **one-year course which is taught and examined in Year 12**. Students will have 1 taught session per cycle initially and this will increase during the year to prepare for the final assessment in July of The Lower Sixth.

Assessment:

The assessment consists of four sections:

- 1. Oral Presentation (40% of assessment): You will deliver a presentation on a researched subject of own choice using audio/visual material and present personal conclusions. You should support your talk with a digital presentation e.g. PowerPoint. This should last for 5 minutes.
- 2. Literary Recommendation (20%): You give a literary recommendation of a novel, biography, drama, poetry or public address. You then give a 2-minute reading or deliver the piece/an extract from memory. This should last for 4 minutes.
- 3. Newspaper Review (20%): You lead a discussion based on an article from a quality online or paper-based news source. You give an introductory summary, identify the style, bias and issues raised, and offer an opinion on those issues. You will conclude by summarising the opinions of the group. This should last for 10 minutes.
- 4. Questions and Discussion (20%): You must respond to questions and feedback from the group and the assessor about any section. You should also be prepared to contribute ideas and opinions to develop others' discussions.

BRIDGING TASK

Begin to think of ideas or topics for your talk. Remember it can be any topic at all within reason and has a bit of substance to it – as long as you find it interesting and other people will too!