

Springboard Speech & Drama – descriptors and criteria

Band/marks	Descriptors	Criteria
Advancing <75	A performance showing development of technique and/or communication and commitment, but which may require more consistency and artistry.	A performance that may be accurate but in need of artistic development.
Merit 75 – 79	A competent performance, showing some artistic awareness and/or technical ability.	A performance of some ability but requiring greater vocal or physical expression.
Commended 80 – 84	A convincing performance technically and artistically, with increasing stylistic and communication skills.	A performance showing a degree of ability in presentation with developing modulation and interpretation.
Honours 85 – 89	An excellent performance, demonstrating fluent technical and artistic skills with emerging individuality.	Assured and expressive, demonstrating a high level of technical security, imagination and stylistic insight, and with a real sense of communication and performance.
Outstanding 90+	An impressive performance technically and artistically, displaying spontaneity and clear or exceptional individuality.	An impressive performance displaying awareness of the content and style of the piece, technical control, heightened sensibility and individuality in its interpretation, and commanding the attention of the audience.