



[HPA Fest Top Tips](#) for Competitors

Dear HPA Fest entrant

Here's hoping you are well and looking forward to this year's Festival!

If you haven't already, please find your entries in the relevant syllabuses on our website. If you would like a digital copy sent or have any queries, please email Lou on lrichardson@encore-enterprises.com.

Why not make a note of the Festival phone number – **07583 669393** – just in case 😊

VENUES & PARKING – INFO

Hereford Racecourse – Ample parking for all cars, buses etc. as you enter the racecourse. Please do not park beyond the car park.

Salvation Army Citadel – There is a drop off point outside the entrance for coaches and parking at nearby Merton Meadow Car Park for all transport. The car park at the venue is small and tends to fill very quickly, do not assume you'll find a space.

Hereford Sixth Form College – On site parking at the end of Olympic Way, off Folly Lane.

Holy Trinity Church – Off street parking available on surrounding side streets. Limited parking at the venue.

St Paul's Primary School – The school has a car park with a one way system with room for approximately 25 cars. Any extra spaces can be found on the road near the school.

TOP TIPS for a successful HPA FEST experience!

· Please check your **Class, Time and Venue** and make a note in your diary. If you are in any doubt, get in touch.

· **DON'T FORGET to bring a copy of your music or poem/drama piece for the adjudicator!**

· Audiences are welcome! There is a **£5 entry charge – card, contactless or cash** thank you. A ticket purchased gives you entry to all classes for that day.

· Please arrive **in good time** for your class. Be prepared to stay for the adjudication – this could be as long as an hour in some cases. Check the programme or get in touch with any queries.

· Please advise us if you will need to play any backing tracks on **USB / memory sticks**. We are able to accommodate digital backing tracks for **Vocal and Choir performances** only. Please bring a **backup** in case your primary recording is corrupted. **Do not rely on your mobile network to play YouTube backing tracks – instead, download and store your track! We will not be able to play YouTube videos.**

· There will not be a Festival accompanist on the day so please bring your own accompanist. Get in touch if you need assistance with this.

· Speech and Drama classes – for all entrants in solo and shared poems. Please note, in solo poems, actions are not encouraged, however some actions are allowed in shared poems.

· **No Photos or Videos are to be taken by any audience member of any performer – thank you 😊**

Get in touch with any questions and we look forward to seeing you soon!

All the best

Lou and the team at Encore

