

COMMUNICATION

These examinations are designed to enable students with specific disabilities, special needs and disadvantages to participate in the examination process successfully.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

These examinations offer candidates the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate their attainment or competence
- Take an examination that meets their capabilities
- Develop communication and reading techniques
- Develop clearer speech
- Make themselves understood
- Develop imagination and creativity
- Increase self confidence
- Enjoy participating

Guidelines for Communication candidates:

- There is no set syllabus for these examinations, they can be tailored to meet the needs of the candidate
- Teachers should contact the NEA office to agree a suitable programme that dovetails with a candidate's capabilities
- The general or specific content of the examination must be agreed between the parties and the Examinations Director before an examination
- This should be done by contacting the NEA office prior to the Entry for the examination being submitted
- The candidate's entry form should be submitted with a Reasonable Adjustment Application Form which is available on request from the NEA office. This form provides space for teachers and/or candidates to bring to NEA's attention any special circumstances or requirements which a candidate wishes to be considered. (Teachers are requested to append their qualifications and to attach to the entry form copies of any formal statements relating to the candidate)
- NEA will make every effort to accommodate appropriate candidates who wish to enter these examinations
- All cases for entry will be judged on an individual basis by NEA
- There is no grading system for these examinations, however each examination taken is numbered starting from 1, so that the candidate gains a sense of progression, this will be recorded by the NEA office
- There is no upward limit to the number of examinations taken over a candidate's career, **but it is recommended that no more than two of these examinations are taken within one academic year.**
- Marks are given in the usual way and the candidate will receive a report and a certificate
- NEA seeks to offer appropriate and agreed support to those candidates with specific learning, reading, sight, hearing and mobility difficulties, or any other disadvantage disclosed
- NEA seeks to comply with the terms of all relevant legislation in the United Kingdom. This includes the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act as to access arrangements, special requirements and reasonable adjustments to the examination process. (Please refer to NEA's Equal Opportunities Policy, Disability and Special Needs Policy and Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy for details)
- **Suggested contents** for candidates taking one of these examinations:
 - Talk about a toy, object, picture or book, etc.
 - Read or speak from memory a poem or poems
 - Read or speak from memory a piece of prose
 - Perform either a prepared or improvised monologue
 - Perform a prepared mime