

PONTEFRACT MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017

If you are new to the Pontefract Music Festival you would probably like to know what's going to happen.

Please read the rules of the Festival, as printed in the syllabus or available on our web site, pontfest.org.uk, and make sure you are familiar with them.

Please arrive at the relevant venue at least 10 minutes before your class. If you would like to have a warm-up arrive a little earlier and ask about our rehearsal facilities. Be advised though that warm-up space is severely limited and may be in use by other performers at the time so allow yourself plenty of lee-way if you need to rehearse.

There is no charge for entry to the Festival for both performers and their accompanists but other friends or family members will have to pay the appropriate entry fee, children free.

Programmes will be on sale in the foyer, price £2

Entry to the performance auditorium is not allowed while a performance is under way, the door steward will tell you when you can enter the auditorium. Once in please find a seat and wait to be called to perform. You will be called up in the order of the programme, please hand your music/drama score to the steward sitting alongside the adjudicator and progress to the stage/performance area.

Each class under way, and the individual performer's number, will be displayed on the trophy table. The adjudicator will indicate when you should begin and will make notes during your performance.

Once all the performers in any particular class have finished there may be a slight wait while the adjudicator compiles the marks and comments. Once ready the adjudicator will discuss each performance, highlighting aspects of the performance and award a grade to each performer. Medals and/or a trophy may be presented to the winning performers who achieve Honours, Distinction or Merit grades and certificates will be awarded to those gaining a first, second or third place.

Each performer will receive a copy of the adjudicator's comments sheet.

Please note that while no photography, recording or filming is allowed during festival sessions the Festival's official photographer may ask to take your photograph after the relevant class has finished, if you prefer not to be photographed please let our photographer know.

We aim to make your time at the Pontefract Music Festival as enjoyable as possible but if you have any questions or problems then please speak to one of the stewards available on the day.