

LAMDA Tuition at Cranford House.

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) is the oldest drama school in the United Kingdom.

LAMDA began offering speech examinations to the public in the 1880's. Since then these examinations have been refined and developed into a comprehensive system of performance evaluation by experts in education, acting and communication.

LAMDA examinations are designed to equip candidates, whatever their age and aspirations, with a range of skills that will serve them throughout life. Preparation for an exam can:

Unlock the imagination. Develop communication skills Refine technical artistry.

The examinations themselves provide candidates with an opportunity to:

- Measure progress against an international standard
- Make contact with expert practitioner examiners outside the immediate teaching environment
- Build self-confidence and self-esteem
- Acquire skill certification for career development
- Receive critical appraisal and guidance for future development

The range of exam options supports progression and allows the candidate to extend personal and vocational skills whilst realising their potential.

In addition to being a nationally recognised qualification, grades six, seven and eight are GCSE, AS and A-Level equivalent in LAMDA. As a result, these qualifications can be used when applying to university as they account for UCAS points.

Please go to www.lamda.org.uk to find out more about LAMDA. We aim to hold two/three examinations a year to cater for all our student's development stages.

So what happens at class?...

Every student may choose 1 or more pieces of performance which they must learn, rehearse and eventually perform to pass their examination. There are many fields of performance that students can take their examinations in such as Mime, Verse and Prose, Public Speaking, Devised Theatre and Acting, therefore for those doing devised theatre the script is uniquely their own. Students will be expected to do a bit of homework in addition to their weekly class; this could take the form of vocal exercises, games or pieces that they need to practise. The homework should never be more than 30 minutes per week and all students must bring a folder and pen to class in order to capture notes for their performance.

We would urge you to note the following:

- a) FEES: You will be invoiced when lessons commence. Fees are to be paid termly. If you are unable to do this, please contact your child's coach and in exceptional cases we will endeavour to negotiate an alternative method of payment.
- b) NOTICE: Should you wish to discontinue lessons, SIX WEEKS' NOTICE (half a term) is required IN WRITING, to the coach. Failure to give notice will result in the payment of six weeks' classes.
- c) ABSENCE FROM LESSONS: If your child is unable to attend a lesson due to a school trip, subject test or exam, hospital/dental/medical appointment or anything else for which prior notice has been given by the school, it is the responsibility of the parent to inform the LAMDA coach at least 2 days' notice, or the lesson will be forfeit. The LAMDA coach will endeavour to offer an alternative lesson in the same week. Pupils who fail to attend lessons without good reason will forfeit the lesson.
- d) ILLNESS: In the case of absence through illness, we should be grateful if you would inform the coach the evening before, or telephone the school in order that the coach does not spend time searching the school for missing pupils.

Extracurricular activities – Your child will be encouraged to participate in any school speech or drama performances or competitions.