



6 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: LAMDA Speech and Drama Exams

We are delighted to announce that we offer students the chance to take a LAMDA qualification in Speech and Drama, and have some extra spaces from January.

LAMDA is a world-leading Drama school and examinations provider and its exams are recognised across the world so we are extremely fortunate to be able to offer these sessions to our students.

Exams are not just open to students who are interested in Drama but are available for any student who would like to improve their confidence and public speaking.

Just some of the many skills that students gain from taking these classes include:

- Clearer and more confident speech
- Improved posture
- Improved reading comprehension
- Concentration and memory skills
- Increasing vocabulary and awareness of classical literature
- Independent study skills

An external provider hosts the sessions within school hours, with 1:1 weekly sessions charged at £16 for 30 minutes. There will also be a small charge for students to take their exam. Courses should be paid for in advance, on a termly basis, and students will be expected to make up any classwork that they miss in their own time.

If any student would like to attend the LAMDA exams but is falling into financial hardship, please speak to Mrs Alexander, Head of Drama, and the school will look at each application on a case-by-case basis. Her email address is: EAlexander@hbk.acesmat.uk.

Sessions will include:

- 1:1 Acting
- Verse and Prose
- Public Speaking
- Devising Drama
- Mime

Students will work with the teacher to choose the discipline that suits them best, taking exams graded between 1 and 8, with the higher-grade students gaining UCAS points to help with University applications. LAMDA lessons and exam preparation time can also be counted towards the skills section of the Duke of Edinburgh award.

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Mrs Burgess, the LAMDA Speech and Drama Teacher taking the classes, is a First Class graduate in Drama and holds an FdA in Professional Acting. She says her passion is to help students become articulate speakers and to perform with confidence. To date, her student pass rate is 100%, with all of her students awarded either a Merit or Distinction in their exam.

To get a taste of what is involved, we have included a link to a short video about the exams below:

<https://www.lamda.ac.uk/lamda-exams>

Please note there will be a limited number of spaces. If sessions are oversubscribed, we will be drawing students' names out of a hat and a reserve list will be created and you will be contacted should a space become available later. If your child doesn't get in the first round of LAMDA, they will be given priority for a later round.

If your child is interested in signing up to take part in a LAMDA exam, please complete the permission slip below and return it as soon as possible, but by Monday 16th December to the Drama Department in the PAC or via email to Mrs Alexander - EAlexander@hbk.acesmat.uk.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Hinchingbrooke Drama Department

PLEASE RETURN THIS PERMISSION SLIP TO THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT by 16th December 2024

(Full Name of Student) _____ would like to express interest in the LAMDA sessions and exam, which will be run by an external provider during school hours.

Their Tutor is (Name of Tutor) _____ and they are in Tutor Group _____.

(Full Name of Student) _____ is interested in LAMDA because

*** This question is optional but is designed to give the LAMDA teacher an idea of how to tailor your child's sessions. For instance, is your child more interested in gaining confidence in performing or do they want the sessions to help build on their confidence in general and/or help with public speaking? Do they want to take drama as a subject or go to drama school?*

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My child has the following medical condition/ additional needs, of which the school should be aware of:

In an emergency please contact: **Name:** _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email: _____

Consent (**please tick as appropriate**)

In the unlikely event of any emergency, I give my consent for my child to receive the appropriate medical treatment. I will inform the school of any unusual medical circumstances/allergies.

I have told my child to pay particular attention to teachers giving advice on matters of safety, behaviour, and general procedures.

I give permission for my contact details to be given to the LAMDA teacher, to arrange the LAMDA lessons.

Please tick below to confirm you understand that these sessions will need to be paid for in advance, on a termly-basis, to an external provider and that if your child is given a place on the course they will be expected to make up any school work that they miss in their own time. Returning this slip does not guarantee a place on the course but if the course is over-subscribed, then a reserve list will be created and parents and carers will be notified should a place become available.

This is understood.

Name of parent/carer: _____

Signature of parent/carer: _____

Date: _____

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