

Dear Parents,

Firstly, **A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to our four LAMDA students (Caitlin, James, Nyree and Sienna) who took their first LAMDA Acting exams back in November, gaining two Merits and two Distinctions between them. This is an incredible achievement for the school and the pupils individually. Due to this success I am pleased to inform you that I will be offering LAMDA lessons again.

We are delighted to announce that alongside our LAMDA Acting exams we will also be offering LAMDA Musical Theatre Solo and Group exams!

WE WILL NOW OFFER:

LAMDA Acting Solo
LAMDA Acting Duologue
LAMDA Acting Combined
LAMDA Musical Theatre Solo
LAMDA Musical Theatre Group

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EACH EXAM?

LAMDA ACTING SOLO

consists of one student performing two monologues to an examiner.

LAMDA ACTING DUOLOGUE

consists of two students performing two duologues to an examiner.

LAMDA ACTING COMBINED

consists of two students performing one monologue each and one duologue scene together to an examiner.

LAMDA MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO

consists of one student performing one/two (dependent on grade taken) songs to an examiner.

LAMDA MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP

consists of a group of 3 - 15 students performing one scene and one song together to an examiner.

**If we get a lot of interest I would prefer to do two groups of 5-7 than one group of 15, to enable me to get to know each child on an individual basis and ensure I give them the best coaching possible.*

WHEN?

Lessons will commence on the 24th February and take place every Saturday until the exam at Clair Hall in Haywards Heath on the 30th June 2018 (TBC). There will be no lessons on the 14th & 21st April. Each exam preparation slot will be half an hour each week at Dynamic on a Saturday, and we shall rotate these lessons as much as possible so that no child misses too much of another class they may be enrolled in. Occasionally during a half term, they will take place at Megan's Cabin at her house. The 23rd June will be a group session in the afternoon.

**Please note that if your child is unable to make a lesson, the full course amount is still due. Although I will endeavor to make up the lesson at a later date, it cannot be guaranteed. For the LAMDA MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP exam, attendance is vital.*

SO, HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

ACTING SOLO - £360

ACTING DUOLOGUE- £245 per child

ACTING COMBINED – available on request

MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO - £360

MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP- dependent on number of students
ie. 5 students, £160 each.

EXAMINATION FEES - £20-£50 per child (depending on exam taken)

If you haven't heard of LAMDA before or the coaching that I offer then hopefully any questions you may have will be answered below. If you require any further information, please email me on katiesilverson@yahoo.co.uk

WHAT IS LAMDA?

LAMDA is the 'London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts', a well-known drama school in London. LAMDA is also an association that offers exams in many aspects of performing arts. These exams are recognised nationally and are a good indicator to anyone of your child's standard. For more information, see their website – www.lamda.ac.uk/our-exams

WHY ARE LAMDA EXAMS BENEFICIAL?

The exams are beneficial for all children, not just those wishing to pursue a career in performing as it helps them to gain confidence and be able to present themselves to an audience or group of people. Also, if your child continues up to the higher levels (Grade 6, 7 and 8), then those grades translate into UCAS points.

HOW DO WE DECIDE WHAT GRADE MY CHILD SHOULD TAKE?

I spend time getting to know your child, their confidence and their ability before deciding what grade they should take. I will then ensure that they have appropriate pieces to perform and are fully prepared for the exam process. I get to know each child on an individual basis and this ensures we choose the correct grade and enables me to give them the best coaching possible, personally tailored to them and their specific abilities/needs.

IS ANY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY?

No. No previous experience is necessary to take these exams. You don't even have to have attended a drama or singing class!

WHAT IF YOU GET ANOTHER ACTING JOB?

I am a professional actor and will still be applying for work during this time. Should I gain a job where I am unable to teach the remainder of the course, I will ensure suitable cover is obtained, leave extensive lesson plans and objectives, and be in constant contact with the teacher about each child's progress. I will also be contactable for any parent or pupil who wishes to discuss anything with me during that time.

All the best,

Katie-Emma Silverson

For those of you who don't know me; I am a professional performer who started training at the age of 8. I became a member of the National Youth Theatre aged 13 and continued to be involved in several of their installation outdoor performances. I took all my LAMDA exams as a child and gained my Gold Grade 8 Award in LAMDA Acting (Solo) at the age of 16. I continued my training studying Performing Arts, alongside Psychology and Photography at Sussex Downs College, gaining a Double Distinction* in Performing Arts. After my exams, I was lucky enough to gain a place at a Drama School in London. I attended the American Musical Theatre Academy of London and graduated with a Distinction in Acting and Singing. If you would like to know more about me or my career, then you're welcome to look at my spotlight page: <https://www.spotlight.com/6774-8977-6658>

Alongside performing, I have a real passion for teaching. I have extensive experience in group classes in Acting, Singing and Dance and also in Private Tuition for LAMDA training. If you'd like more information please do not hesitate to ask me.