



THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer



Re: LAMDA SPEECH AND DRAMA TUITION AT THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

We are delighted to share that spaces are now available to all year groups for NEW LAMDA speech and drama tuition! This exciting opportunity is being provided by Artisan Theatre School, who are professional actors and directors and fully qualified LAMDA teachers. This means that The Arnewood School pupils will have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular drama lessons, developing their communicational skills through the spoken word.

LAMDA lessons are designed to equip candidates, whatever their age or aspirations, with a range of skills that will serve them throughout life and allows students the opportunity to develop their drama skills, diction/clarity, communicational skills, public speaking, and confidence! As well as the skills developed in acting, pupils will also learn various methods in performance, which in turn boosts self-esteem. You can decide whether you'd like to attend lessons without taking a graded exam, or if preferred there is an option to take LAMDA graded examinations across the academic year., the higher grade LAMDA qualifications carry UCAS points which can help with University Applications. If candidates achieve a good mark at Grade 8 it carries the same UCAS points as an A grade AS level.

WHAT IS LAMDA?

For anyone who loves performing arts, & wants to build on their acting, performing, or singing skills then LAMDA is for you!

LAMDA stands for 'The London Academy of Dramatic Arts' and is a renowned stage school in London. LAMDA created graded exams for pupils to work on their performing arts skills, with an emphasis on the practical side of performing and not on the written work! Much the same as music grades, LAMDA grades start from grade 1 up to grade 8 and are recognised world wide!

LAMDA exams give you an instant boost on your CV, gaining UCAS points for college or Uni through performing! There are a few different options you can choose from:

ACTING: Our Acting pupils develop their vocal, physical and interpretive skills while they delve into characters and explore the background of dramatic texts. Alongside producing authentic performances of their chosen scenes, they also gain an understanding of the context and characters within them.



MUSICAL THEATRE: Musical Theatre students develop their acting skills through song. They use vocal techniques to convey the right mood, and engage with the material to form a thoughtful interpretation of the song.

As they progress through the grades, learners explore characterisation through monologues or duologues, which are performed in character and act as an introduction to their songs. They'll also deepen their understanding of the history of musical theatre by performing songs from a range of eras, and by researching the work and influence of one of its composers or lyricists.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Speaking in Public exams prepare learners for a task that daunts so many people. Students write their own speeches, researching the topics, creating visual aids and presenting them from memory (although they can use notecards, if they prefer).

As they progress through the grades they will develop the ability to speak clearly and project their voice for an audience. They'll discover the techniques they require to engage an audience and to structure their speech effectively.

You can choose to do LAMDA on your own or with a partner- working on scenes in a pair or individually the choice is yours!

Did you know that you can use your LAMDA lessons and exam preparation time for the skills section of your Duke of Edinburgh award? You can even set yourself the goal of passing the exam at the end of it.

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Spaces are Limited and will fill up fast! so pick up an application form to apply to start in the New Year.

Tuition is available one to one or as a pair (depending on preference).

30 lessons are generally given throughout the course of the academic year. This may mean that a different number of lessons may be given per term, depending on the length of the term.

All payment will be made by a bank transfer directly to Artisan Theatre School, The Arnewood School is not responsible for any money paid. Tuition fees will be invoiced directly from Artisan Theatre School, prior to the term commencing ***and must be settled within seven days of the term commencing.***

APPLICATIONS: If you wish your child to have LAMDA lessons, please complete the application form and return it to the school Office as soon as possible. PLEASE NOTE: APPLICATION FORMS CAN ALSO BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SCHOOLS WEBSITE.

Please Note: Applications are not normally acknowledged, but in due course the LAMDA coordinator Samantha Blackwell from Artisan Theatre School will contact you to let you know when the lessons will commence. When no vacancy is available, you will be informed that your child's name has been put on a waiting list.

If you have any further questions or enquires please direct them to: sam.blackwell@artisantheatreschool.com

Yours faithfully



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