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Dear Parents and Guardians

### **Extracurricular Drama Tuition at Trent College - LAMDA**

LAMDA (The London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) is the oldest drama school in the United Kingdom, established in 1861. It began offering speech examinations to the public in the 1880s. LAMDA Examinations offer a communication and performance based syllabus, carefully refined and developed over many years by a number of experts, practitioners and examiners. It is the largest Speech and Drama Board in the United Kingdom. LAMDA qualifications are part of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF). Exams taken at Level Three and the PCertLAM are also recognised within the UCAS tariff for UK university entrance.

#### **Examinations available at Trent College:**

Communication syllabus - Speaking in Public  
Speaking of Verse & Prose  
Reading for Performance

Performance syllabus - Acting

#### **What are the aims of LAMDA Examinations?**

The whole ethos and philosophy of LAMDA is governed by a holistic approach which guides LAMDA Examinations in its aims and objectives:

- To improve the standard of communication through the spoken word and performance
- To empower individuals by helping to develop their self-confidence and self-esteem
- To foster and encourage an appreciation of classic and contemporary literature and drama
- To provide a framework in which the talents of individuals can most fruitfully grow and develop, both by unlocking imagination and creativity and through acquiring the appropriate technical skills to express it
- To ensure that each candidate reflects on an examination experience as one which was beneficial and encouraging, whatever the result

## **Why work through an examination programme?**

The LAMDA programme of examinations offers all candidates, whatever their age and aspirations:

- a means of measuring their progress to an internationally applied standard
- a sense of achievement
- regular contact with a range of expert assessors outside the immediate teaching environment, who provide critical appraisal and guidance for future development

The purpose of the examination structure is not to burden students already weighed down by demands of national examination programmes, nor to encourage a sense of competition with their peers. It is a way in which individuals can monitor their progress - often from an early age - in an area they enjoy and in which they feel motivated to move forward. In addition to providing a record of personal achievement, it can be a useful indication to prospective employers that an interest and determination to develop a high level of communication skills has been pursued and achieved.

## **Does provision exist for those with Special Educational Needs?**

Many teachers find that a number of children, for whom conventional learning situations present challenges and special problems, are able to find a means of expression and self-confidence in this type of work. Candidates with dyslexia for instance, find that special consideration is given on the sight-reading requirements. Whilst all candidates are judged to one standard, individuals with a whole range of disabilities are entered for examinations, often in order to develop self-confidence.

## **Trent College and LAMDA Examinations**

The LAMDA Examination syllabus is available as an extracurricular activity for all students at Trent College. In Years 7 to 9 LAMDA times are on a rota within the school timetable. In Year 10 and 11 at lunchtimes or after school. Sixth Form lessons are taken within a free period. All lessons are given weekly and will be for 30 minutes. Examinations take place three times a year in school; students can also be entered at the Nottingham centre, should this be required.

The annual fee for LAMDA lessons is approximately £744 per annum (that is 30 lessons per year), charged each term in arrears. Lessons will be charged for unless the School or the LAMDA teacher has cancelled; missed lessons for any other reason will still be charged for.

One full term's notice or one term's fees in lieu is required. Notice must be given in writing to the LAMDA Coordinator. The deadline for giving a term's notice is 6.00pm on the Friday of the first full week of the term (week 2 of the school calendar)

## **How do we arrange lessons?**

For lessons starting in September 2024, please complete the online form by 03 July 2024.

<https://forms.office.com/e/9C1U1X3eDc>

Yours faithfully

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