

LAMDA Speech and Drama



We are very pleased to offer extracurricular lessons in speech and drama at both primary and secondary levels.

LAMDA lessons at Castle School are thirty-minute weekly sessions, which take place in school time and are arranged to cause minimal disruption to normal lessons. Children have individual sessions, as well as the opportunity to work in pairs and small groups if appropriate, with tuition tailored directly to their unique needs. At primary level, lessons are mainly taken in small groups.

The aim of a LAMDA course is to foster self-expression, self-confidence and creativity in a teaching environment which is built on a foundation of trust. We work to unlock the imagination and develop creativity, whilst also fostering a love of literature, developing literacy skills, and establishing the habit of clear, well-formed speech. All aspects of communication and interpersonal skills are developed – listening, speaking, and using body language – as well as spatial awareness and physical co-ordination.

Depending on the age of the student and skills to be developed, lessons may involve reading aloud, listening exercises, movement, projected and personal play, creating art or music, or even making things. There is something to suit all different learning styles and lessons are tailored and paced to accommodate the learning needs of the students taking part. Senior students are taught the highest standard of practical, technical performance skills.

Though taking an examination is not mandatory, students have the annual opportunity to take Ofqual-recognised graded examinations through the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA). The qualification scale is structured similarly to music board examinations, with Grades 1-8 in a variety of different disciplines, including:

- Speaking Verse and Prose
- Acting
- Speaking in Public
- Reading for Performance



Achievement at Grades 6-8 awards UCAS points for university entry. The LAMDA department at Castle School is well-established, with a majority of students every year achieving the highest grade of Distinction in their examinations.

Term Fees:

£150 per term at Secondary level.

£120 per term at Primary level.

If your child is interested in taking up LAMDA lessons, please inquire at the school office.