



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

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23 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

LAMDA Tuition 2023-24

We are delighted to be able to offer lessons for LAMDA Graded Examinations in Performance (Acting), with Michelle Smith from Theatre for Life Education. Michelle is an experienced Drama teacher, professional director and LAMDA tutor, who has vast experience working with young people, helping them to attain highly in drama and theatre qualifications.

LAMDA lessons provide students with an opportunity to work in small groups and 1:1 with an acting coach to stage scripted monologue and/or duologue pieces for examination. Students will be required to learn scripted dialogue, consider how to stage these pieces effectively and participate in activities focused upon developing effective characterisation in acting. Throughout their training, students work through graded examinations towards their Bronze (equivalent to GCSE), Silver and Gold Awards (equivalent to A level).

LAMDA

LAMDA, The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, is one of the United Kingdom's oldest Drama schools. Founded in 1861 as a centre of excellence, LAMDA has provided the world with many of its best known actors, presenters and announcers for radio, television and film. LAMDA offers qualifications that indicate a candidate's level of rigour and discipline in their chosen art form. As well as including training in Dramatic Art, LAMDA provides students with the keys to employability. The ultimate aim is to provide all people with the opportunity to develop the life skills they need to be a success: attributes such as self-confidence and the ability to communicate clearly and present ideas. The structure of examinations is very similar to a musician's graded examinations and as such offers the very valuable kudos of having UCAS points (Universities & Colleges Admissions Service) attached to the higher levels of achievement. Students will follow the acting pathway, which includes communication skills, confidence building and development of speech and movement.

The Mountbatten School Drama Department highly recommends LAMDA tuition for those students who have an aptitude for acting and a passion to develop their practical skills. It is excellent preparation for GCSE and beyond, preparing students well for A-level/BTEC, university courses or drama school, as well as their future careers.

It is expected that students embarking upon this course will choose to develop through the grades. Examinations take place in July on school site. Parents will be responsible for examination fees.

Students will be given prescribed reading lists and before commencing tuition, students are encouraged to select their speeches. All reading lists and course overviews will be emailed to students and parents as soon as their place is paid for and confirmed.

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LAMDA Tuition Terms & Conditions 2023-24

Tuition

LAMDA tuition will be held at the following times:

Wednesday

3.20pm to 4.30pm – Year 8 Grade 4&5

4.30pm to 5.10pm – Year 11 Gold Award

Friday

3.20pm to 4.00pm – Year 9 Bronze Award

4.00pm to 4.45pm – Year 10 Silver Award

*In exceptional circumstances we can place students with a different year group if they are unable to make the times above

These times may need to be revised once final numbers are confirmed and are dependent on how many students wish to participate in each session. You will be notified once your child has received a space on this course, and a request for payment will be made.

Students will be given 10 lessons per term and dates for these sessions will be published at the beginning of each term on our school noticeboard and Google Classroom. Tuition will cost **approximately £60.00** per term, totalling £180.00 for one year of tuition. This payment may need to rise to £70 per term if the minimum number of students needed to cover tuition costs are not met. All payments are to be made via Scopay.

PLEASE NOTE IF PAYING BY INSTALLMENTS:

AUTUMN TERM: To be paid by Friday 22 September 2023

SPRING TERM: To be paid by Friday 24 November 2023

SUMMER TERM: To be paid by Friday 15 March 2024

Students in receipt of Pupil Premium are offered a 50% reduction in fees, totalling £30.00 a term or £90.00 for the year.

As we have to pre-book the LAMDA teacher's hours, we ask that students sign up for one year's worth of tuition. If you wish to terminate these arrangements you may do so by writing formally to the Head of Drama, **giving at least half a term's notice**. We will only be able to offer a refund if there are students on the waiting list.

If your child is would like to join the LAMDA actor training program, please read the LAMDA Terms and Conditions on the attached page and complete the registration form, by **Tuesday 4 July 2023**:

[LAMDA Google form](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact info@mountbatten.school.

Yours sincerely

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There will be 30 lessons per academic year, usually scheduled as follows:

Autumn Term – 10 lessons; Spring Term – 10 lessons; Summer Term – 10 lessons

1. The cost for these lessons is: £60.00 per term, totalling £180.00 per year. Students will be taught in groups. Peripatetic LAMDA tuition must be paid for in advance before your child can take part in the sessions.
2. Payments may increase if the minimum number of students needed to cover tuition costs are not met.
3. Payment is to be paid via the online payment system, Scopay. If there are any problems with payments please contact the school's Finance Office.
4. Refunds are only applicable for student absence where the absence is long term (three or more weeks) and must be applied for in writing to the Head of Drama.
5. Lessons missed through the LAMDA teacher's absence will be made up by the teacher where possible.
6. If students do not receive 30 lessons of tuition refunds will be issued in July.
7. The LAMDA teacher and their hours are booked in advance. If you wish to terminate lessons, at least half a term's notice must be given. Contracts can only be terminated termly. We will only be able to provide a refund if a replacement student is available on the waiting list.
8. Lessons are arranged by the Head of Drama. A timetable is produced and posted on the noticeboard outside D1 Drama Studio in the Lantern Theatre building and parents will be informed via email. Google Classroom will also be updated.
9. Students are expected to attend punctually and regularly. It is the student's responsibility to check the timetable and attend the lesson on time. Registers will be taken and parents informed if students miss a lesson.
10. An essential part of the LAMDA process is the learning of selected scripts. Those scripts must be agreed with the LAMDA tutor and Head of Drama. Students will be expected to learn the scripts at home in order to ensure that lessons at school can focus on aspects of style and delivery. If appropriate, students are expected to take part in public performances arranged by the school.
11. Students are expected to make a reasonable contribution to extra-curricular Drama activities at the request of the Drama staff.
12. Students are normally entered for their examinations in July. The Mountbatten School is a private exam centre, meaning examinations can occur on the school site. Where students and parents wish to be entered at an alternative time, the school will be able to assist students in making private arrangements for examination entry. Generally, application for examination is made and paid for two months ahead of the examination date[s].
13. The LAMDA examination process allows for detailed follow up notes for parents and learners. Parents may also receive feedback from the school's LAMDA tutor.
14. All LAMDA certificates will be sent to the Head of Drama before being passed on to the student. Feedback will also be made available to the student, the LAMDA tutor and the Head of Drama.

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