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CB/hr/LAMDA sessions 24
16 April 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

LAMDA

I am pleased to inform you that the Drama Department at St. Josephs College will be continuing LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) training. The sessions will be delivered in small groups in the drama studio each Thursday.

LAMDA exams inspire and empower learners across the globe to be confident communicators.

There will be two classes as follows and Mrs C Bugg will allocate which class is suitable for their stage. They will be made aware of this before the first session. If your child is interesting in joining then please see Mrs C Bugg at break or lunch.

Class 1- 3:25-4:25pm KS3 (maximum capacity 15)

Class 2- 4:30-5:30pm KS4&5 (maximum capacity 10)

The cost per class is £5 and student will be entered for the LAMDA examination in July or December depending on their progress and the demands of the grade. Please be aware that there will be an entrance fee for the examination.

Please can the students change into comfortable, loose clothing before each session; this will give them the freedom to move and express themselves without restrictions. Payments will set up on ParentPay once your child has expressed an interest and received a letter. Payment for the summer term is £45.50 as there are 9 class in total.

Thursday sessions

Thursday 18th April

Thursday 25th April

Thursday 2nd May

Thursday 9th May

Thursday 16th May

Thursday 26th May

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Half Term

Thursday 6th June

NO LAMDA- Thursday 13th June

Thursday 20th June

Thursday 27th June

Exam session – Saturday 29th June (for those being entered)

It crucial that students demonstrate excellent attendance especially when developing duologues or group pieces. Low attendance can impact on the progress of the other students.

About LAMDA

LAMDA is the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, an organisation offering young people across the country to study different courses in Acting, Verse and Prose, Shakespeare and Public Speaking to name a few, to then take examinations and gain qualifications in their chosen subject. Students gain performance skills and are able to enhance their acting technique whilst exploring different plays and texts. Not only does LAMDA allow students to explore the discipline of Acting, but they gain skills in speaking and listening, social and presentation skills which can transfer into many different subjects and wider school life. LAMDA qualifications work in grades, appropriate for various ages and abilities, and, achieving a Grade 6,7,8 qualification in a LAMDA course can earn points for student's UCAS points for university. LAMDA qualifications are recognised as vocational qualifications, and are brilliant for students to put onto their CV. Students taking GCSE or A Level Drama will benefit from taking LAMDA qualifications as this training can help their practical work in their normal classes. To find out more about LAMDA, please see the link to their website:

<https://www.lamda.ac.uk/lamda-exams>

The LAMDA Teacher

Phebe Smith is an ex pupil of St Joseph's College (studying Theatre Studies at A Level!) and is a local Theatre Practitioner, Dance Artist and Choreographer teaching in schools, companies and dance schools across Staffordshire and Cheshire including The Regent Theatre - teaching a variety of genres such as Acting, Classical Ballet, Contemporary and Musical Theatre to a range of ages from age 4 up to Adults. She trained with the British Ballet Organisation to complete her Level 4 and 5 Diploma in Dance Teaching and trained in Royal Academy of Dance since the age of 7, holding up to a Grade 8 qualifications in Ballet, and has performed since the age of 9 in local Pantomime, Musicals and One Act Festivals. Phebe is a LAMDA teacher at Stafford Grammar School, working at 100% pass rate, with some students attaining 100% in their exams. As an English Graduate, Phebe has a passion for LAMDA, enjoying exploring different texts with all her students. She has two professional credits performing in: Birmingham Stage Company's Gangsta Granny in 2016 and Bill Kenwright's Cilla the Musical in 2017 both at The Regent Theatre.

Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Bugg

Head of Drama

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