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CB/hr/LAMDA/KS3/4/5
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LAMDA

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I am pleased to inform you that the Drama Department at St Joseph's College will be offering LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) training open to all students. The sessions will be delivered in small groups in the drama studio after school.

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

The classes will be held in the drama studio after school and the students are welcome to bring a change of clothes that are comfortable. There will be two sessions as follows;

- Class 1- 3:25-4:25pm KS3 (maximum capacity 15)
- Class 2- 4:30-5:30pm KS4&5 (maximum capacity 10)

The cost per session is £5 with a 50p ParentPay fee and students will be entered for a LAMDA examination when the teacher Phebe feels they are well prepared. **If your child is interested in joining the LAMDA sessions please see Mrs Bugg in the drama studio so that they may be added to the register and parent pay.**

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>

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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.

Places are limited therefore if you would like to reserve a place for your child I would recommend this is done early to avoid disappointment.

Best Wishes,

Mrs C Bugg
Subject Leader for Drama