

Dear parents,

In the autumn term we are excited to be offering specialised weekly LAMDA Speech and drama sessions in place of our creative 'Devising Drama Club'. The focus will be on preparing to take a LAMDA examination at the end of November (Tuesday 29 November 2022) our 'Devising Drama' club will return in the spring and summer term. We are excited to provide an exam opportunity for all children who wish to enter the LAMDA exam, new pupils are very welcome.

The LAMDA exam is 'The Speaking of Verse and Prose' and focuses on the spoken word and good, clear presentation skills. LAMDA exams are catered around young people and aim to build confidence and the development of performance, personal and social skills.

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art examination board is internationally acclaimed. it forms one of the largest Theatre Schools in London, and it is recognised for Acting, Public Speaking and Musical Theatre. Points are awarded at Grade 6 and above by UCAS. To enter the examination the children will all learn a poem by memory and have a brief discussion about a favourite toy (year 1), photograph (year 2) or book (year 3) with the examiner. Children in Years 4 - 6 will recite two pieces of literature, one being a poem from the LAMDA anthology. The children will receive an individual written report sheets and a certificate from the examination. The aim of the examination is to help improve your child's skills at presenting and performing; therefore, this is an enjoyable experience with a friendly atmosphere. Children will be escorted to the examination room within the school day and the exam will take no longer than 15 minutes.

To prepare for the assessment, there will be 9 sessions in the autumn term where children will be prepared in small groups for the upcoming assessment. The cost of these sessions will be £8 per week (£72 for the sessions) It is expected that all children who take part in the LAMDA sessions would also take the assessment in November. If you would not like your child to take part in the assessment but would still like to do the preparation, please let Mrs Hamer know this when you sign up.

If you would like your child to take part in the LAMDA assessments in November 2022, please fill out the form below and return it to the school office **by Monday 12 September 2022**

Payments are by bank transfer only and should be made directly into the account details given below, please add your child's name and school year into the Payment Reference e.g. Child's first name AVA 1 and confirm by text message 07901 822481 when payment has been made – thank you.

Account name: Mrs R Hamer Bank: HSBC Sort code: 40 34 06 Account

No: 61407090

Yours faithfully Mrs R Hamer B.A. (Hons), ALAM

I WOULD LIKE MY CHILD TO ENTER THE LAMDA EXAMINATION

DATE: Tuesday 29th November 2022 VENUE: Avalon School

Please circle the appropriate examination and return the form into the school office with the correct entry fee and the term fees by Wednesday 7 September 2022.

 Year 1:
 Stage 1: £31.00
 Year 2: Stage 2 £33.00
 Year 3: Stage 3 £35.00

 Year 4:
 Entry: £41.00
 Year 5: Grade 1 £48.00
 Year 6: Grade 2 £50.00

 Name of child:
 DOB:
 Contact details phone number.

 Email:
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The cost of LAMDA speech and drama club lessons are £8.00 per session.

No refunds for missed classes

The sessions for the autumn term are from: Friday 16th September– Friday 25th November

Cost for the term is: 9 lessons @ £8.00 per lesson = £72.00 and exam fee

Bank details for making payments are:

Sort code: 40 34 06
Account No: 61407090
Account name: Mrs R Hamer

Bank: HSBC

Please ensure that you use the reference AVA-"child's surname"

To register, you should email directly to ravanne@hamerholdings.co.uk with

Your child's name

Year group

Payment reference and confirmation of payment. If you have any questions, please contact Ravanne directly at the above email address.