

In September 2023 Mrs Crough will continue to run her successful 'LAMDA Tuition' programme. Sessions will run on Tuesday and Wednesday over 10 weeks over each term.

**If you child would like to sign up for LAMDA in September 2023 'Tuition Request Forms' and payment needs to be returned by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 please.**

**LAMDA is the UK's largest Speech and Drama board** and a nationally recognised qualification in communication and performance and stands for The London **A**cademy of **M**usic and **D**ramatic **A**rt. Lessons are tailor made according to the strengths and interests of each pupil. The class sizes are small which means lessons are more focused and specialized allowing pupils to further develop their drama skills. LAMDA has consistently been a successful enrichment activity at many schools throughout the UK and we are excited that this opportunity will be offered to pupils at The High School Leckhampton.

Examinations are 'optional' and are designed to improve communication through spoken word whilst also supporting the *creative and social development of each pupil*. They also measure achievement and provide an opportunity to *develop self-confidence*. Please do take time to have a look at LAMDA's website for more information <https://www.lamda.ac.uk/>

Preparation for examinations is offered for Grades 1 – 8. Mrs Crough will decide (with your child) which grade and exam is suitable for each pupil and will build on any previous examinations taken or relevant acting experience. Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) points are attached to Level 3 qualifications – Grades 6, 7, 8 which are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold medals respectively. *Please bare in mind that 'Group Acting' is a non-regulated examination.*

Pupils can choose from the following:

**LAMDA SUBJECTS:**

- **Speaking Verse & Prose**  
Designed to develop the skills necessary for effective communication of novels and poetry. Develops a strong speaking voice and memory skills. Designed for **(solo only)**
- **Public Speaking**  
Developing essential skills for constructing and delivering talks, presentations, and speeches. Designed for **(solo only)**
- **Acting**  
Developing acting skills required for communicating character and context. Developing a strong, expressive speaking voice and good memory skills by learning and performing monologues and duologues. Designed for solo, duologue or group **(up to 4)** performances.
- **Devising Drama**  
Developing creativity by exploring ideas and themes through the devising process leading to a structured performance. Designed for solo, duo or group **(up to 4)** performances
- **Musical Theatre**  
Depending on the grade, pupils perform contrasting musical pieces of their choice, as well as short-devised introductions in character and a monologue, with the emphasis on performing through song. Designed for solo, duos or groups **(up to 4)**

*Regarding duologue and group work it may not always be possible to have lessons with friends as this will depend on the pupils' timetables. We will do our best, however, if you could make a note on The Tuition Request Form as to preferences this would help.*

## Your teacher

LAMDA Tuition is taught by Mrs Crough who has over 20 years of teaching experience. Mrs Crough holds a BTEC in Performing Arts, HND in Musical Theatre, BA Honours in Devised Acting from Leeds University and a PGCE in the Lifelong Learning Sector from Christchurch and Canterbury University. Along with her qualifications Mrs Crough has 15 years of singing, acting and performing experience. She has performed in shows such as Guys and Dolls, Godspell and Chicago to name a few and was fortunate to perform on stage in London with the legend Stevie Wonder, which was a dream come true. Mrs Crough has taught at Thomas's Battersea in London, Bute House Girls School, The College of Northwest London, and Deakin University. She currently continues to teach Drama at The Cheltenham Ladies College. Mrs Crough is passionate about teaching Drama and thoroughly enjoys watching her pupils grow in confidence and thrive.

Mrs Crough can also be found here on the LAMDA Directory of teachers: [LAMDA Exams Teacher Directory | London academy of music & dramatic art](#)

**LAMDA lessons:** Will run for 30 minutes and are conducted on a weekly basis also over 10 weeks each term. If additional lessons are needed to prepare for an exam, then parents will be contacted by Mrs Crough. For solo and duologues pupils will be taken from their normal timetabled class on a rotational basis, missing the same subject no more than twice each half term. Group lesson (up to 4) will run at lunch time and after school if needed. Pupils are responsible for attending the lessons on time each week and should be written in their planner please.

## Cost of tuition

**Tuition fees are as follows and are paid a term in advance to secure your child's place:**

Group size	Time of day	30-minute lesson over 10 weeks
Solo	Rotational throughout day	£200 (per term per child)
Paired	Rotational throughout day	£150 (per term per child)
Group of 3 / 4 pupils	Lunch or after school	£120 (per term per child)

## Examination fees

Examinations are held within school at least once a year. Pupils will be advised by Mrs Crough about the best time to enter for an examination and permission from parents will be requested. Examination fees are in addition to timetabled lessons and payments will need to be paid via Scopay, which will secure the booking. Once pupils have been entered for an examination, LAMDA will charge the examination fee and any withdrawals will not be entitled to a refund. So that Mrs Crough can help support and run the LAMDA Exam Day, where possible one of the tuition days will be included in the ten sessions. However, if this is not possible Mrs Crough will contact you. LAMDA Exams can also take place at The Cheltenham Ladies College throughout the year. To be transparent there is the LAMDA Exam fee and a £15 administration fee for each application when entering at CLC.

## Notice

A full term's notice (12 weeks) in writing must be given to withdraw a pupil. *However, I'm my experience it better to cease lessons at the end of the academic year so as not to cause to much disruption to the pupils.* Withdrawing a pupil can have a very detrimental effect on groups and duo's so please do discuss this carefully with your child before applying. These lessons are a commitment on the part of both parent, teacher, and pupil, with expectations of pupils to practise and do any preparation or research the teacher deems appropriate.

Refunds will *not* be given for missed lessons due to illness or other commitments. This includes any additional school commitments, including sports fixtures, outings, doctors/dentist etc which occur after the timetabling of lessons. It is the responsibility of the student to inform teachers in advance of any lessons they miss, and work can be sent over to catch up on.

### **Requesting Tuition**

LAMDA Tuition' can be started at any point throughout the academic year. Please complete 'The Tuition Request Form' save it in pdf and email it back to Mrs Crough at [croughfayedrama@gmail.com](mailto:croughfayedrama@gmail.com) Payment will secure your child's place.

## **'TESTIMONIALS'**

Syra Jallow-Rossiter is in Year 8 and studying **Group Acting**:

**"Mrs Crough makes it fun and is helping improve my acting skills. We play games, we use our voice I am really excited about the play 'Little women'! 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

Alex Freeman Jones is in Year 8 and studying **Duologue Acting**:

**"I love my LAMDA class! I really enjoy working on improvisation, vocal projection, and acting scenes. I am developing my skills in performance, as well as in my self-expression and confidence. It is a lot of fun and I enjoy working alongside a partner. I very much look forward to my lessons every week." 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Lauren Taylor is in Year 8 and is studying **Musical Theatre**:

**"I really enjoy my lessons with Mrs Crough. I enjoy the warmup activities because they are fun and useful to help me get warmed up for lessons. I especially enjoy learning how to combine singing with acting as it is something I am not used to. I have learnt how to use my diaphragm to project my voice, so I am heard more clearly, and I am looking forward to when I do my LAMDA exam next year." 21st November 2021**

Milly Dewhurst is in Year 8 and is studying **Duologue Acting**:

**"I really enjoy my LAMDA sessions with Mrs Crough. She makes learning fun and I'm growing in confidence" 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

### **Parents Feedback:**

Sarah, Kelvin and Alex Jones July 2022

**"I would very much like to feed back that Alex has really enjoyed his LAMDA classes this year at THSL. Alex has really enjoyed reading, analysing, learning, and performing scripts. It has also offered Alex an opportunity to develop skills as part of a duologue. Alex says he has particularly loved improvising and playing comic scenes. He believes that the LAMDA course has really helped him develop skills in diction, voice projection and confidence in speaking publicly. Alex always really looks forward to his LAMDA lessons with Mrs Crough, which he says are fun and exciting.**

**It has been wonderful to see Alex enjoy drama in this way and develop skills, confidence, and self-expression. We feel very appreciative of Mrs Crough who is supremely organised and excellent in**

her communication about the LAMDA lessons at THSL, ensuring that we as parents are aware of the LAMDA timetable and how to support our youngsters prepare for their classes. Mrs Crough is always approachable and went above and beyond to provide support and encouragement through the exam process, demonstrating her care and commitment to her students. We can't thank Mrs Crough enough for all her work with Alex this year."

Moira Jallow-Rossiter June 2022:

"I just wanted to let you know Syra has enjoyed participating in LAMDA this year. It's been a positive experience. Mrs Crough has done a fantastic job in helping the children find their voice, improve confidence, and have fun!

Syra always says she is looking forward to her lesson and is already looking forward to September!"

Sara Cameron-Mitchell July 2022:

"My son has thoroughly enjoyed his LAMDA sessions with Mrs Crough and they've improved his confidence, social skills, and his understanding of stage performance. I've been especially surprised and impressed with how well he's done remembering lines for his scenes. Faye has been incredibly supportive offering my son advice and encouragement. Communication with Faye has been clear and prompt. Would absolutely recommend".

Shihana Samad July 2022:

"My daughter has really enjoyed her first year of LAMDA lessons. At the beginning she was very shy and nervous about performing but over year I have seen her grown in confidence - all thanks to the support and encouragement by Mrs Crough. Mrs Crough is also very friendly and approachable, giving valuable feedback which has also helped us further support her. In my daughter's words, she finds the lessons "a lot of fun. I really enjoy that we start the lesson off by playing some games to warm up. She also taught me some useful breathing techniques to do before I perform to help calm my nerves". She is really looking forward to the next academic year and continuing her lessons with Mrs Crough."