

'LAMDA TUITION' 2024

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LECKHAMPTON

"This year 93% of Mrs Crough pupils passed with a fantastic **DISTINCTION** with 5 achieving 100%"

Mrs Crough will continue to run her successful 'LAMDA Tuition' programme.

Sessions will run on Tuesday and Wednesday over 10-12 weeks in each term.

'FOR PUPILS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2024 REQUESTS NEED TO BE IN BY 28TH JUNE 2024'

LAMDA is the UK's largest Speech and Drama board and a nationally recognised qualification in communication and performance and stands for The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. 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.

Grade 6	12 UCAS points with distinction
Grade 7	16 UCAS points with distinction
Grade 8	30 UCAS points with distinction and equivalent of 1 level in points.

***Please bear 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.

LAMDA lessons: Will run for 30 minutes and are conducted on a weekly basis also over 10-12 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. *Grades 6-8 involve much more work and pupils begin to learn about practitioners/styles of acting and will need to read more plays (max 3 plays) and study at a greater depth of knowledge. Grade 8 is the equivalent of and A level. Extra sessions are often needed at this level.

Cost of tuition

Tuition Fees are due 3 times a year and paid termly and in advance; February for *Summer Term*, June for *Autumn term* and November for the *Spring Term*. Fees secure your child's place:

GROUP SIZE	TIME OF DAY	GRADE 1-8 (30 mins x 10/11 session each term)
Solo	Rotate throughout day	£220
Duo	Rotate throughout day	£160 (per child)
Group 3/4	Lunch or after school	£130 (per child)

Examination fees

Examinations are held within school at least once a year in early July. Pupils will be advised by Mrs Crough about the best time to enter for an examination and permission along with payment from parents will be requested. ***Examination fees are in addition to timetabled lessons and payments will need to be paid in term one via the same account as the tuition fees. The fee below includes the exam fee, time for administration and Mrs Crough's time to support and run the Exam Day(s)***

<i>Exam</i>	<i>Fees (any subject)</i>
<i>Entry</i>	£65
<i>Grade 1-3</i>	£75
<i>Grade 4-5</i>	£125
<i>Grade 6-8</i>	£155

Once pupils have been entered for an examination, LAMDA will charge the examination fee and any withdrawals will not be entitled to a refund. 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 £20 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. 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 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'! 12th 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." 14th 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" 16th 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 daughters 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.”