

LAMDA

London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art



The creation of your word being taken seriously and communicating effectively is a powerful way of being that is beneficial in every aspect of your life. Elocution/LAMDA classes give you the tools that will help develop strong communication skills.

LAMDA is one of the UK's oldest and most respected drama schools and a world-renowned awarding body. They have been offering practical examinations in communication and performance subjects for over 130 years. The LAMDA team at Newstead Wood School offers the opportunity for students in all year groups to take part in an after-school elocution club with the chance to take LAMDA speech and drama exams.

The exams will benefit students who are keen on honing their acting skills; those who want to gain public speaking confidence, and interview technique. They are a very instructive complement to literary studies and cover all aspects of voice production as well as interpretation and analysis.

In today's competitive world, how you present and express yourself is a vitally important skill to possess, not just in school, but also later in life. Those who learn vocal and presentation skills early in their lives have a great advantage.

Competing for university places and the workplace has become increasingly difficult. Studying elocution, voice production and taking LAMDA exams do not involve writing but teach vitally important life skills such as public speaking, presentation technique, voice projection and clear diction. These skills are taught in a fun and exciting curriculum and through the creative disciplines of, for example:

PUBLIC SPEAKING. INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES. VERSE AND PROSE SPEAKING. READING FOR PERFORMANCE. ACTING. MUSICAL THEATRE. MIME. DEvised DRAMA.

Learners can obtain UCAS tariff points at Level 3, enhancing their chances of university or higher education entrance. Level 3 is available for students in Year 10 and above. LAMDA lessons and exam preparation time can also be used for the skills section of the Duke of Edinburgh's award.

Classes take place in school, Monday to Thursday from 3.40pm until 5.00pm or 5.30pm. Day classes and Zoom lessons can also be scheduled.

To enroll, please see the enrolment forms included.

LAMDA Class Options at Newstead Wood School (Schedule for September 2025)



LAMDA After School Group Standard Class - 3.40pm-5.00pm

Price: £192 per 12-week term.

The standard class focuses on voice production, elocution and acting.

Acting is mandatory in the after school standard classes.

Public Speaking is an optional extra as part of the standard classes above.

Preparation for public speaking will begin with four private zoom lessons. This is to make sure students are fully prepared and understand the exam requirements. Feedback will be given in the private zoom lessons. The cost of the four private lessons will be an additional one-off charge of £120. Students will then continue to practice their performances and vocal skills in the standard after school classes.

Students wishing to take public speaking only, will need to sign up for the lunchtime classes.

Exam sessions are held in May, June and July.

Lamda After School Group Extended Classes - 3.30pm-5.30pm

Price: £264 per 12-week term.

The extended class is the standard classes above, plus extra time for an extra genre. Students can choose one extra genre from the list below.

Musical Theatre. Mime. Devised Drama. Verse and Prose Speaking. Reading for Performance. Interview Techniques

(Please see above for Public Speaking.)

Please Note: We recommend 1 to 2 LAMDA exams a year

LAMDA Zoom classes after school.

Zoom classes run after school Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Shared class for up to 2-4 students.

They are half an hour long and are £192 per 12-week term.

Enrolment Form



Please use the Voice Centre link to enrol: www.voicecentre.com/newstead-wood-registration

Alternatively, please fill in the form below and send your enrolment via email to: katecrane1@mac.com

School Name:
Student Name.....
Student Date-of Birth:
School Year in September 2025.....
Primary Contact Name:
Primary E-mail
Primary Home Address:
Primary Mobile Tel No:
Secondary Contact Name:
Secondary E-mail.....
Secondary Mobile Tel No.:

Standard Classes 3.40pm-5.00pm

- Year 8 After School-Wednesdays-Standard class.....
- Year 9 After School -Thursdays- Standard class.....
- Year 10 After School -Tuesdays -Standard class.....
- Year 7 After School- Mondays-Standard class...

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- Year 8 After School-Wednesdays -Extended class.....
- Year 9 After School -Thursdays - Extended class.....
- Year 10 After School -Tuesdays - Extended class.....
- Year 7 After School- Mondays- Extended class...

LAMDA Day Classes Shared class for up to 2-4 students. 3.10-pm till 3. 40pm.Day-T.B.C.....

LAMDA Zoom Classes Zoom classes after school. Shared class for up to 2-4 students-time-T.B.C.....

Once enrolled the terms and conditions below are applicable.

1. The possibility of learning lines or studying theory answers at the last minute is not an option. LAMDA teachers need students to be off script quickly, so they can help their students reach their full potential and be confident taking their exams. Understanding the theory will also benefit rehearsals.
2. Once enrolled, LAMDA teachers are responsible for students in class and will need to know if your child is absent. To inform us if your child is absent, you will need to text Kate Crane on 07504 450 038
3. The main LAMDA exam sessions are held in the summer term and a separate fee is payable for the exams.
4. To confirm exam entries, all class fees and exam fees need to be paid in full. Unpaid fees will result in a withdrawn entry.
5. Class fees are payable at the start of each term
6. Once enrolled a term's notice is required to cease lessons. Including the start of the new school year.
7. For any further queries please email katecrane1@mac.com or call Kate on 07504450038

OUR TEACHERS

Kate Crane

Kate Crane attended the Italia Conti stage school and is a professionally trained actor and teacher with a wealth of experience teaching drama, directing shows, voice coaching and preparing young people for LAMDA exams. Kate has coached thousands of students aged from five years old to adults. Kate has a high success rate helping pupils achieve top marks for LAMDA and numerous wins at various festivals.

Kate has developed an exciting and inspiring curriculum in Voice Production and Elocution. There has also been a good success rate with work on tongue placement within the curriculum for difficulty with pronunciation of certain words. Should there be a need for extra assistance there are tools available that are of benefit to help any tongue placement difficulties.

Rachel Eben

Rachel attended Rose Bruford and is a professional actor and vocalist with a special interest in comedy, character acting and acting through song. Rachel has a wealth of experience in helping young people with voice production and tongue placements as well as achieving great results with LAMDA exams for her pupils.

Rachel has been an important factor in developing the voice centre LAMDA curriculum. Rachel has worked on making sure the own choice exam pieces match the set LAMDA pieces. Rachel's exam pieces are age appropriate and loved by our students. Rachel continues to update the curriculum for students to make sure the pieces are suitable and work well. Rachel's theory help sheets are designed well and help students obtain high marks for their theory questions. She has lesson plans that help our students develop vocal skills in line with the learning outcomes set by LAMDA.

Testimonials

Dear Mrs Crane I just wanted to let you know that Dominic came first in the poetry competition at Dulwich College. Everyone was surprised to see a new boy from year 7 win!

It is a highly competitive competition at Dulwich and has never won by a year 7 boy before. We have to put Dominic's success down to you!

He remembers everything you taught him and worked on his piece with you in mind. Thank you for all your amazing help over the years.

Dear Mrs Crane Thank you so much for that. You've brought tears to my eyes. I'm so touched by your words. Thank you. He loves your classes, your productions and thank you for bringing out the magic in Charlie - he can be so shy, and you've done wonders for his confidence, and we are so grateful for that.

Dear Mrs Crane I intended to contact you after the Bromley Festival to say thank you for your hard work with Alex and to congratulate you for your part in him winning first place in this his first ever public performance.

LAMDA Term Dates:

Autumn Term: 2025

Monday 8 September – Friday 12 December

Half Term Monday 20 October – Friday 31 October

Spring Term: 2026

Tuesday 6 January – Friday 27 March

Half Term Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

Summer Term: 2026

Term: Monday 13 April – Friday 10 July

Half Term: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Exceptions –

Newstead Wood School Monday 3 November – CPD Day closed to students

Newstead Wood School Monday 3 November class will be held on Friday 7 November

Newstead Wood School - Monday 13 April – CPD Day closed to students

Newstead Wood School Monday 13 April class will be held on Friday 17 April

Saint Olave's Grammar School Twilight INSET – Thursday 25 June

Saint Olave's Grammar School Thursday 25 June class will be held on Friday 26 June

Bank Holiday 4 May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4 May class will be held on Friday 8 May