

LAMDA



"It was wonderful to see the children reappear from the examination room with beaming smiles"

LAMDA Exams Examiner

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 offer the opportunity for all years to take part in an after-school elocution club with an opportunity 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 set for year 10 and up. LAMDA lessons and exam preparation time can also be used for the skills section for the Duke of Edinburgh award.

Classes take place in school, Monday to Thursday from 3.40pm till 5/5.30pm.

To enrol, please see the enrolment form and terms and details of classes included below.

About the Team Leaders

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 pupils 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.

All our LAMDA team of teachers are highly qualified and trained in the LAMDA curriculum designed by Kate and Rachel.

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.

Newstead Wood School LAMDA Class Details and Options

Working towards Grade 8 Gold Medal.

From Grade 3 upwards our curriculum is designed to build the essential skills needed to be an experienced student capable of taking medal grades. Depending on the Grade 6 results in year 10, there will be a possibility of students skipping Grade 7 and go straight to Gold (Grade 8) in Year 11. This is to help students obtain maximum UCAS points before the start of A levels. A student awarded a 'Distinction' at Gold Medal, awards 30 UCAS points. Equivalent to an As level. Extra UCAS points are also possible with alternate LAMDA Grade 8 genres. Such as: Verse and Prose Speaking and Public Speaking or Reading for Performance and Interview Technique.

Please bear in mind the medal grades are designed for ages 16 and up. However, we are proud to have developed a curriculum that adheres to the criteria set by LAMDA but is also appropriate for a younger age group. We do well with helping our younger students achieve this high level before A levels. Lessons for grade 8 will take place after school and continue via zoom in May, whilst GCSEs are running.

LAMDA CLASS OPTIONS

LAMDA AFTER SCHOOL STANDARD CLASSES

After school group standard classes-3.40pm-5.00pm Standard Class.

Price: £204 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. (please see the detailed explanation below for public speaking)

LAMDA AFTER SCHOOL EXTENDED CLASSES

After school extended classes-3.40pm-5.30pm Price: £276 per 12-week term. The extended class is as per the standard classes above, plus extra time for an extra genre. Students can choose one extra genre from the list below. (please see the detailed explanation below for public speaking)

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

LAMDA Wednesday Lunchtime

Lunchtime LAMDA is half an hour and runs 10 weeks a term. Small Groups of 1-4 pupils per teacher. Price: £260 per term.

Genres Acting and Public speaking.

LAMDA zoom classes after school.

Zoom classes run after school Mondays and Tuesdays.

Shared class for up to 2-4 students.

They are half an hour long and are £204 per 12-week term.

Any Genre

**Please Note: We recommend 1 to 2 LAMDA exams a year
Exam sessions are held in May, June and July.**

DETAILED EXPLANATION FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING IN THE STANDARD AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

Acting is mandatory in the after-school standard classes

During class students will be working on important communication skills that are designed to build confidence and self-belief as they progress towards each grade. Each class will consist of strengthening all the muscles involved with speaking clearly and helping anxiety. Work in class will include Breathing Exercises. Organs of articulation exercises. Tongue placement exercises. Body language exercises. Confident building exercises. Working on set scripts.

Acting Exams

In class we work on set scripts for acting. Acting is a powerful way to build confidence with all young students, regardless of if the learner has ambitions to be an actor or not. Becoming a different character other than oneself, helps the child concentrate on important vocal skills instead of retreating into their own world. It gives the learner a deeper understanding of how to communicate the sense of the written word and teaches how to work well with a partner for duo acting or as a team for group acting. Acting is a great tool for understanding human nature and develops empathy. Acting is working on all the skills needed for delivering a good public speaking speech.

Acting is an important route to the same destination as all the LAMDA genres – improved **public speaking skills**, an increase in confidence and a mastery of important lifelong skills.

Optional Public Speaking as part of the after-school standard classes

Our public speaking entries have grown to over 200 entries each year. To make sure the LAMDA criteria, research, imagined audience and vocal skills are understood, we will need to see public speakers for 4 x private zoom lessons. This is only a one-time extra payment for the whole year. Please be aware all speeches will need to be written and researched at home in the student's own time. Speeches will be checked they have not been written by A1.

Private Zoom x 4 lessons for Public Speaking total - £120

First Public Speaking Private Zoom Class -Half an hour -35 minutes

The first class will be helping with ideas for the speeches and making sure students understands the criteria, imagined audience, visual aids and theory needed.

Second Public Speaking Private Zoom Class-Half an hour -35 minutes

Helping perfect the first drafts and making sure the research undertaken adheres to the LAMDA criteria. Imagined audience researched.

Third Public Speaking Private Zoom Class-Half an hour -35 minutes

Making sure the final drafts adhere to the time limits and the imagined audiences and characteristics suitable. Helping with demonstrating good use of visual aids. Going through theory required.

Fourth Public Speaking Private Zoom Class-Half an hour -35 minutes

Checking the vocal skills required, including projection, clarity and modulation meet the requirements.

Once the speeches are off by heart, we will continue to hear students in class to help perfect their performances running up to the public speaking exams in May.

Please Note: Only pupils who have their printed speeches and know their public speaking speeches almost off by heart will be heard in class.

For any queries, please email katecrane1@mac.com or call 07504450038

Enrolment Form and Terms.



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
Once enrolled the terms and conditions are applicable: For any queries, please email katecrane1@mac.com or call 07504450038

School Name:
Student Name.....
Student Date-of Birth:
School Year in September 2026.....
Primary Contact Name:
Primary E-mail
Primary Home Address:
Primary Mobile Tel No:
Secondary Contact Name:
Secondary E-mail.....
Secondary Mobile Tel No.:

Schedule from September 2026

Standard Classes 3.40pm-5.00pm

- Year 7 After School-Tuesdays-Standard class.....
- Year 8. After School-Mondays-Standard class...
- Year 9. After School-Wednesdays-Standard class...
- Year 10 After School-Thursdays- Standard class...
- Year 11.12.13. After School -Thursdays -Standard class... (moving to zoom in May)

LAMDA Extended Classes 3.40pm-5.30pm

- Year 7 After School-Tuesdays-Extended class.....
- Year 8 After School-Mondays-Extended class.....
- Year 9 After School-Wednesdays-Extended class.....
- Year 10 After School-Thursdays- Extended class.....
- Year 11.12.13- After School -Thursdays -Extended class..... (moving to zoom in May)

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

Saturday Morning Classes at the Chelsfield Village Hall Chelsfield.....11.30-1.00pm

Once enrolled the terms and conditions below are applicable:

All our teachers are highly qualified and booked a term in advance for you. All students are automatically enrolled at the start of each new school year and each term, unless a full term's notice has been given. Exceptions: After completing Grade 8 we will offer further exam possibilities but otherwise, after Grade 8 the student will be automatically unrolled.

Any missed lessons by the student, are still payable. However, we will do our best to add make up classes when we can. Any unavoidable cancelled lessons by the teacher or due to school trips or school closures, will be made up on another day or by zoom.

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 pupils reach their full potential and be confident taking their exams.

Understanding the theory will also benefit rehearsals.

Once enrolled, LAMDA teachers are responsible for students in class and will need to know if your child is absent.

The main LAMDA exam sessions are held in the summer term, and a separate fee is payable for the exams.

To confirm exam entries, all class fees and exam fees need to be paid in full. Unpaid fees will result in a withdrawn entry. Class fees are payable at the start of each term.

If there are any medical requirements or special needs, we need to be aware of, please request a form to fill in.

LAMDA Term Dates 26/27

Newstead Wood School LAMDA Autumn Term: 2026
Monday 14 September Friday 18 December
Half Term: Monday 19 October – Friday 30 October

Newstead Wood School LAMDA Spring Term: 2027
Monday 4 January – Thursday 25 March
Monday 4 March class will be held on Friday 8 January
Half Term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February

Newstead Wood School LAMDA Summer Term: 2027
Monday 12 April- Friday 10 July
Monday 12 April Class will be held on Friday 16 April
Bank Holiday 3 May Class will be held on Friday 7 May
Half Term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June