

THE BENEFITS OF TAKING LAMDA EXAMINATIONS

WHAT ARE LAMDA EXAMINATIONS?

L.A.M.D.A. (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) is a world renowned drama school, based in London. Besides training the next generation of actors, LAMDA is also a world-renowned examining board for examinations in Speech and Drama.

VALUE OF THE EXAMINATIONS

- LAMDA exams are accredited by the government and as such are worth `credits` but are also worth UCAS points, useful for university and college entrance, in their higher grades (grades 6,7 and 8). These grades would be taken by teenage students.
- We find that students taking these exams often take a big stride forwards in their skills, confidence, progress and status within their school groups. I believe that this is because the one-to-one tuition allows them to have their skills honed on an individual basis, so that they are prepared to take more risks in their work; their motivation rises; and their confidence grows.
- Better world-wide Communication - many elements of these exam preparations are similar to those of old-style elocution lessons. We teach students how to communicate with varied pronunciation and better diction, so that they can communicate with the widest number of English-speaking communities in the world.
- Anyone who is serious about pursuing the Performing Arts, as a career option, should start taking LAMDA exams. This is because the qualifications are good to have on a cv, when applying for courses, but also because it gives the student audition pieces to apply with and some individual help in improving their standards and awareness. I have found that the vast majority of my students, who have gained Drama school places (27+), have not only pursued LAMDA exams as a training for Drama School but very many of them used their LAMDA pieces as audition material to gain a place at the drama school.
- There may well be a positive impact upon a student`s general literacy skills at school – particularly in Speaking and Listening, which could enhance all areas of their daily school life and achievement.

- This increased spoken skill helps with **interviews for jobs and courses and work experience**. At the very least, it provides children with `party pieces` for family events, festivals and school talent shows.
- **We teach the students study skills**, to assist them in learning their pieces, which are easily transferable into other subject areas and can have considerable impact upon abilities to learn and revise and therefore ultimately helps their progress and attainment at school, in many curriculum areas.
- These lessons can **assist those children who are under a speech therapist at school**. One family, at different times, had both their sons discharged from Speech Therapy during their set of lessons with me

WHAT ARE YOUR CHILD`S CHANCES OF SUCCESS IN THESE EXAMS?

I am delighted and proud to say that in all the twenty years, and hundreds of candidates that I have entered for LAMDA exams, that we have only ever had one child fail an exam and that was primarily because they were not able to learn their pieces satisfactorily. So our pass rate is 99.99% and of those, 85%+ have won the higher gradings of MERIT and DISTINCTION. In our recent examination entrance we gained our best record of achievement with 85% of the candidates gaining a DISTINCTION.

I think this is particularly a proud boast when I have never selected who should be able to sit an exam. We give free access for ANY person aged 4 years and older (my oldest student has been a pensioner) to apply. We also teach the students in a shorter time than most teachers and private schools would operate with.