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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I introduced LAMDA lessons in 2017 and have had some fantastic results with students gaining Distinction at Silver (Grade 7) and Gold Medal (Grade 8) in 2026.

LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) compliments the A level specification in many ways particularly when supporting the students for Component 2 which assesses the practical monologue/duologue examination. It also provides an opportunity for those not studying A level Theatre but with a desire to become more confident communicators and develop a new set of skills which would be transferable and relevant to many career paths.

I have taught LAMDA for 28 years and have seen the far-reaching benefits that this challenging subject provides. I taught it to girls at Casterton prior to LRGS and look forward to working on texts for a range of pupils in September. I will be offering to teach Acting examinations to Silver and Gold standard to Sixth Form students. The exams are accredited with up to 30 UCAS points with 48 points equating to an A at A level.

The Acting examination will comprise of looking at three different time periods ranging from Greek, Elizabethan or Restoration and comparing these with a 1800-1980 piece and a post 1980 extract. Gold medalists will also look at key practitioners employed in the acting process such as Stanislavski, Katie Mitchell and Brecht. Candidates this year looked at a range of playwrights from Shakespeare, Tennessee Williams and Simon Stephens.

I will come into school 1 day a week and deliver the lessons individually or as a pair for the duologue acting examination. They will be taught in their free periods, at lunch or after school. They will cost £150 per term for a 40-minute lesson if taught individually and £100 if taught as a pair for the duologue examination. I intend to teach 9 lessons in both the Christmas and Spring Term culminating with the examination at the end of the Spring Term which will be paid separately. There will therefore be three separate payments via Wiseway.

Could you please indicate whether you would like your son or daughter to take LAMDA lessons via e-mail so I can get an indication of numbers for September.

I will have a meeting in the Drama Studio to finalize timetables in September and will commence teaching on a Thursday that month. I hope to see familiar faces at the start of the new academic year but also welcome any newcomers to this subject.

Yours faithfully

Nici Marriott

