SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS AT KIDMORE END PRIMARY SCHOOL

Information for parents

My name is Katie Girdler and I am a qualified Drama teacher with over 18 years' experience. I also have English and Special Needs teaching experience. I'm really excited to be offering LAMDA lessons to Kidmore End School. I'm passionate about seeing children develop their strengths and grow in confidence through Drama. The lessons lead to Ofqual recognised examinations, but more importantly for me they aim to be fun and help your children develop lifelong skills such as increasing self-confidence, developing strong communication skills as well as increasing empathy and understanding.

I hope that the below information can answer any of your questions about the Speech and Drama lessons run at Kidmore End. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to email me at katie.lamda@outlook.com

What is LAMDA?

LAMDA is one of the UK's oldest and most respected awarding bodies. It has been offering practical examinations in communication and performance subjects for over 130 years. LAMDA examinations improve communication skills, increase self-confidence and develop strong social skills. LAMDA has been especially designed to provide an easy transition for all students to continue with or start Speech and Drama lessons from primary school upwards. Exams are from Introductory to grade 8. LAMDA accredited examination at Level 6 or above are recognised within the UCAS tariff system.

What will my child learn?

The process and preparing for succeeding in a LAMDA examination helps your child, whatever their age or aspirations, to develop a broad range of skills that will serve them throughout life. Across the range, the examinations develop a learner's ability to:

- Improve confidence in speaking and listening
- Read easily, fluently and with good understanding
- Expand vocabulary to improve powers of self-expression
- Memorise and recall information

What examinations can my child do?

There are many different examination routes available through LAMDA. I intend to offer the following initially:

- Lessons in reading and performing poetry and prose.
- Basic skills in acting
- Working to improve voice projection and clear speech.

How do lessons work and what are the fees?

Lessons are open to all children from Y2 -Y6 and will be run in groups of no more than 6 in age appropriate groups. The lessons will be 30 minutes long and take place during normal school hours. Terms are 10 weeks long (5 lessons per half term) and are charged at £100 to be paid in advance. A full terms notice, in writing, is required when terminating lessons, otherwise one term's fees will remain payable.

How many examinations can my child take and where will they be held?

Each student is different with different needs and aspirations but on average, a candidate will take an exam once a year. Children who wish to take part in lessons but not the exams are still very welcome to participate. Kidmore End School is a registered exam centre with LAMDA, so exams will be in a familiar setting for children. Exam fees are separate to lesson fees and vary on the exam taken. LAMDA exam fees are set by the exam board and go directly to LAMDA.

How do I enrol my child?

Spaces are limited so please contact me promptly to secure a place for your child. Any queries please contact me at katie.lamda@outlook.com or 07748388514.