

# LAMDA CLASSES

LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) Exams are accredited qualifications in speech and drama. Here at Starmaker we teach both the LAMDA Acting & LAMDA Musical Theatre syllabus to develop and nurture the individuals with those important performance and technical skills required. Starmaker have been teaching the LAMDA syllabus for over 20 years always helping the students gain the best results possible in their exams – something we are very proud of. We aim to hold two examinations each year, when a LAMDA examiner comes to us in Reading.

The aim of the course is to help students improve their performance skills. This is achieved by listening to them individually in many forms, plus in a workshop situation but at all times with the aim of building individual confidence. We aim to improve students' confidence, knowledge & performing arts skills, which help with their future careers when they begin attending interviews for professional acting/musical theatre colleges, Universities and full time work.

We always work to a high standard whilst also keeping the classes fun & exciting. Although we work in a group situation we are always developing skills of the individual & improving things for the students as individuals.



## Why Choose a LAMDA Examination?

Through our Communication and Performance pathways, LAMDA offers a wide range of exams. No matter which direction a learner may chose to follow in the future, our exams provide the opportunity to nurture natural abilities.

Beyond rigorous assessment, success in one of our exams demonstrates that learners have grown as individuals by participating in a worthwhile activity that is respected as a global standard.

Across the range, our exams develop a learner's ability to:

- read easily, fluently and with good understanding
- expand vocabulary to improve powers of self-expression
- improve confidence in speaking and listening
- memorise and recall information
- research and create persuasive formal presentations
- create and defend arguments
- engage in constructive informal conversation
- work both alone and as a member of a team.

These critical skills will enhance the learner's self-confidence to engage and contribute fully, whether at school, in further education, in work, or in the community: in other words, empowering an individual to fulfil their potential.

LAMDA's exams are designed to recognise and reward the endeavours of each individual. Learners are awarded an official LAMDA certificate and a medal, where relevant, as well as constructive feedback in a written report to help them advance to the next level. Our examiners are experts in their fields who have been trained and standardised by LAMDA to assess learners with objectivity and equality.

# Acting

# Musical Theatre

**LAMDA Acting examinations are designed to develop the skills necessary to communicate dramatic text to an audience.**

They help to develop key life skills, such as understanding and empathy, by allowing learners to engage with different circumstances and/or situations in a practical way. The examinations help to promote creative thinking and exploration, whilst allowing learners to acquire memory skills, spatial awareness, vocal confidence and physical presence.

Exploring different characters also allows learners to get to the heart of how feelings and emotions dictate behaviour, encouraging them to become more self-aware.

As with all LAMDA examinations, the development of a clear speaking voice and good body language are an integral part of these exams.

**LAMDA Acting examinations are available at four levels, in line with the Qualifications and Credit Framework:**

Entry Level (Entry 3)	Entry Level
Level 1	Grade 1
	Grade 2
	Grade 3
Level 2	Grade 4
	Grade 5
Level 3	Grade 6 Bronze Medal
	Grade 7 Silver Medal
	Grade 8 Silver Medal
	Grade 9 Gold Medal

At Entry Level, the learner(s) will perform from memory one own choice scene. At Level 1 and Level 2 the learner(s) will perform from memory one set scene and one own choice scene. At Level 3 the learner(s) will perform from memory two scenes of their own choice (at Grade 6) and three scenes of their own choice (at Grade 7 and Grade 8).

At each grade, the learner(s) will answer questions about their chosen scenes and any other theory required.

Successful learners will receive a LAMDA certificate of their achievement and an examination report from the examiner providing feedback on the assessment.

**LAMDA Musical Theatre examinations are designed to develop the skills necessary to communicate the dramatic content of musical text over a range of musical theatre styles/categories.**

Suitable for both actors and singers, these examinations allow learners to creatively explore the world through performance and song. Key speaking skills such as diction and audibility are fundamental to singing and these examinations offer a fun and engaging way to develop these skills. Learners will also build technical skills in movement, setting and staging, musical pitch, rhythm and phrasing and will explore style, form, character, subtext and context in order to realise the specific demands of the scene and/or song.

These examinations provide learners with the opportunity to develop skills which support the delivery of dramatic text and devised performance. For this reason, these exams complement LAMDA examinations in Acting and Devising Drama. For Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2 the emphasis is on performance and presentation. At Level 3 it also includes the study of musical theatre as a whole.

**LAMDA Musical Theatre examinations are available at four levels, in line with the Qualifications and Credit Framework:**

Entry Level (Entry 3)	Entry Level
Level 1	Grade 1
	Grade 2
	Grade 3
Level 2	Grade 4
	Grade 5
Level 3	Grade 6 Bronze Medal
	Grade 7 Silver Medal
	Grade 8 Silver Medal
	Grade 9 Gold Medal

At Entry Level the learner(s) will perform from memory a song of their own choice. At Level 1 and Level 2 the learner(s) will perform from memory two songs of their own choice. At Level 3 the learner(s) will perform from memory two songs of their own choice (at Grade 6) and three songs of their own choice (at Grade 7 and Grade 8).

At each grade, the learner(s) will answer questions about their songs/scenes and any other theory required.

Successful learners will receive a LAMDA certificate of their achievement and an examination report from the examiner providing feedback on the assessment.

# LAMDA CONTRACT

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Lessons will take place Wednesdays from 6:00pm - 7:15pm at South Lake Primary School, Woodley.

**No LAMDA during half term or Starmaker show weeks – you will be notified in advance of these dates.** See our term dates page [www.starmaker.org.uk/termdates](http://www.starmaker.org.uk/termdates) for more information.

In order to gain the maximum benefit, parents/guardians are requested to encourage pupils to establish a regular practice routine. Each student come dressed appropriately and bring their drama pieces, pencil and notepad to every lesson.

Payment of lessons must be made at the first week of each term, and the 10 week term fee will be **£75**. Exam fees are payable one month before the LAMDA Exam. Failure to pay fees on time will result in a £10 surcharge added on to the term or exam fees. Fees are subject to constant review, you will be notified of any changes in advance. We endeavour to always hold the LAMDA Classes at the same location but due to circumstances beyond our control we may need to change the venue.

- Notice to cease tuition must be given in writing half a term in advance or 50% fees for the next term will be charged in lieu of notice.
- Lessons missed through a pupil's absence or illness will be charged for.
- Please complete the details below and return a copy to us with your payment and a completed enrolment form.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Best Wishes

The Starmaker LAMDA Team

Email: [lamda@starmaker.org.uk](mailto:lamda@starmaker.org.uk)

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**I agree to abide by this contract and do duly sign in agreement**

**Pupil:**

**Parent / Guardian Name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**



# LAMDA ENROLMENT FORM

Please fill in *all* sections clearly.

<b>First Name:</b>
<b>Surname:</b>
<b>Address:</b>
<b>Post Code:</b>
<b>Home Phone:</b>
<b>Student's Mobile Number:</b>
<b>Student's Email Address:</b>
<b>Parent's Email Address:</b>
<b>Date of Birth: (        /        /        )</b>
<b>Relevant Medical History:</b>
<b>Parent / Guardian Name:</b>
<b>Mobile:</b>
<b>Parent / Guardian Name:</b>
<b>Mobile:</b>
<b>Previous LAMDA Experience or Grades</b>

# LAMDA EXAMINATIONS

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) is one of the oldest drama schools in the United Kingdom. Founded in 1861, it quickly established itself as a centre of excellence in performance training. LAMDA has provided theatre and the world of film and television with generation upon generation of first-class actors and expertly-trained stage managers across the world.

LAMDA began offering speech examinations to the public in the 1880s. Since then, these examinations have been refined and developed into a comprehensive system of performance evaluation by experts in education, acting and communication. In addition to being the UK's largest statutory speech and drama awarding body, LAMDA Examinations has a reputation for excellence across the globe.

Our mission is to:

- Improve standards in communication through the spoken word
- Foster an appreciation of literature, poems and drama
- Acknowledge levels of achievement
- Support the creative, intellectual and social development of the individual as a whole.

LAMDA examinations are designed to equip candidates, whatever their age or aspirations, with a range of skills that will serve them throughout life.

Preparation for an examination can:

- Unlock the imagination and creative-thinking
- Develop communication skills
- Refine technical skills and artistry
- Promote team-working.

The examinations themselves provide candidates with an opportunity to:

- Measure progress against an international standard
- Make contact with expert practitioner examiners outside the immediate teaching environment
- Build self-confidence and self-esteem
- Acquire skill certification for career development
- Receive critical appraisal and guidance for future development.

The range of exam options supports progression and allows the candidate to extend personal and vocational skills whilst realising their potential



# LAMDA EXAMINATION QUALIFICATIONS AND UCAS

The University and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) is the organisation responsible for managing applications to Higher Education courses in the UK. Its aim is to help students make informed choices that are right for them – guiding them, as well as their parents and advisers, through the higher education application process. Applications through UCAS are conducted using the UCAS Tariff. This is a means of allocating points to compare post-16 qualifications used for entry to Higher Education.

UCAS are introducing a new Tariff which will come into effect from September 2017. The new Tariff will support students applying to Higher Education in 2016/17, to start university or college from September 2017. LAMDA's Level 3 recognised qualifications are included in the new UCAS Tariff. The table below shows the UCAS points assigned by grade and attainment level (Pass, Merit or Distinction).

On the new Tariff smaller qualifications in a small size band will now have a lower Tariff point score. This means that whilst LAMDA's Level 3 recognised qualifications are included in the new Tariff, there is a smaller number of points allocated to these qualifications. This change is not specific to LAMDA and does not reflect any changes to the content, rigour or quality of our qualifications. This change also affects other speech and drama awarding organisations offering comparable qualifications in the performing arts sector.

Attainment Level	LAMDA Grade 6	LAMDA Grade 7	LAMDA Grade 8	LAMDA PCertLAM
<b>Distinction</b>	12 points	16 points	30 points	24 points
<b>Merit</b>	10 points	14 points	27 points	16 points
<b>Pass</b>	8 points	12 points	24 points	8 points

### Some things to consider:

- 1) Not all universities and colleges use the UCAS Tariff. Around half of all course entry requirements make reference to the Tariff.
- 2) Use of the Tariff varies – some universities and colleges will list their entry requirements and make offers using only Tariff points; some will ask for specific qualifications and a set amount of Tariff points; and some will request Tariff points only from specific qualifications.
- 3) Tariff points are allocated to the highest level of achievement. This means that you cannot gain points for a Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8 within the same subject/pathway.