

31 October 2017

Dear Parents

Junior 6 LAMDA Examinations in Verse & Prose

All the children from Junior 6 will be studying the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) syllabus for the Grade 2 Speaking of Verse and Prose in their school drama lessons. This syllabus covers many National Curriculum requirements for English as well as offering the children the opportunity to take an accredited examination.

During the forthcoming dram lessons, I will be asking the Junior 6 children to bring in a book that they have read and know well. I will be helping them to choose a piece of prose from that book in school. Once they have been given a copy of the text at school, please encourage your child to keep it at home to learn from memory and regularly revise from. I would like them to have learnt their prose piece **securely from memory as soon as possible** but definitely by Friday 1 December at the very latest. The children will then have the Christmas break to work on clear diction, expressive communication and a variety of volume levels before they are given their poems to learn after the Christmas break.

Each week I will give each child a target to work on to help them prepare their piece to examination standard. Please ask then what their target is for the week and support them to achieve it.

We will be visited by external examiners from LAMDA on 27-28 February and 1-2 March 2018.

Please could you and your child discuss taking this opportunity to discuss accreditation for their learning in drama. **If your child does not wish to take the examination they will still be following the same LAMDA curriculum in drama lessons and be expected to practise and rehearse the pieces in the same way as the children who are taking the exam.** The examination standard is high but I would expect everyone in our current Junior 6 to achieve it, if they are willing to work hard and practise their pieces regularly. Considerable support from home will also be required! If your child does express an interest in taking the exam, please complete the details on the consent form indicating your decision and return it to the school office. The cost of the examination is £41.00. Should your child wish to take the exam, this amount will be added to your next school invoice; **please do not send payment in to school.** Please would you complete the attached reply slip indicating your decision and return it to the school office by **Friday 24 November.**

Please contact me via email at nicolawildey@crackleyhall.co.uk if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

Nicki Wildey
Drama Coordinator

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Replies to be returned no later than Friday 24 November

Candidates Name: _____ Form: _____

DOB: _____

I do / do not wish my child to take their Grade 2 Speaking of Verse & Prose examination.
(please delete as appropriate)

I understand that the amount of £41.00 will be added to my next school invoice to cover the cost of the examination fee.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Print Name: _____ Date: _____