

4 September 2018

Dear Parents

### J3 LAMDA Examinations in Verse and Prose

During this term all the children from J3 will be studying the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) syllabus for Stage 3 Speaking of Verse and Communication 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.

Next week the children will be choosing their poem. Please encourage your child to keep it at home to practice it regularly. I would like them to have learnt their poem **securely from memory by Wednesday 26 September at the very latest**. The children then have the half-term to polish their performances.

The children will also be expected to bring in one book that they have read and are happy to talk about in detail. The examiner will be expecting the child to answer general questions about it, for which we will be sending out prompts later this term. Please bring the book into school by **Wednesday 3 October**. We shall then keep it in school to practice with until after the exam. Please ensure your child is very familiar with their book and can give you an informal verbal 'book review' of it.

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

### We will be visited by external examiners from LAMDA on 21, 22 and 23 November.

The children will recite the piece that they have prepared and will have a conversation with the examiner about their understanding of their piece and book. Examinations will take place during the school day, starting at 9am and finishing at 4pm.

Please could you and your child discuss taking this opportunity to receive accreditation for their learning in drama. If they do not wish to take the examination they will still be following the same LAMDA curriculum in drama lessons and be expected to practice and rehearse the poem and talk about a book the same as the children who are taking the exam. If your child does express an interest in taking the exam, could you please complete the details on the consent form indicating your decision and return it to the school office **no later than Friday 14 September**. The cost of the examination is £30.00

**LAMDA have strict regulations on entry forms being completed and late entries will not be accepted by them so please make a note of the closing date for entries. I cannot add entries after Friday 14 September.**

Please let me know if, in the meantime, you have any further queries via email.  
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Yours sincerely

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**Senior School** (11-18 years) at Princethorpe College

**Junior School** (4-11 years) at Crescent School

**Junior School and Little Crackers Nursery** (2-11 years) at Crackley Hall



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**Replies to be returned no later than 14 September 2018**

Candidates Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

I **do / do not** wish my child to take their Verse & Prose examination.

*(please delete as appropriate)*

I understand that the amount of £30.00 will be added to my next school invoice to cover the cost of the examination fee.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_