

4 September 2018

Dear Parents

### J4 LAMDA Examinations in Verse and Prose

All the children from J4 will be studying the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) syllabus for the Entry Level 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 this term the children will be learning two pieces of poetry of their choice. Next week the children will be choosing their first poem to learn. Two weeks later, the children will be choosing their second poem **as long as they have learnt their first one securely**. Please encourage your child to keep them at home to practise them regularly. I would like them to have learnt both of their poems **securely from memory by Thursday 11 October at the very latest**. The children then have the half-term to polish their performances.

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.

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 practise and rehearse the pieces exactly the same as the children who are taking the exam.** The examination standard is high but I would expect everyone in our current Junior 4 to achieve it if they are willing to work hard and practice their pieces regularly. Considerable support from home will also be required! 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 £36.00

**LAMDA have strict regulations on entry forms being completed and late entries will not be accepted so please make a note of the closing date for entries. I cannot add entries once the entry forms have been completed.**

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

Nicki Wildey  
Drama Teacher

**LAMDA Verse & Prose Examinations – J4**

**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 £36.00 will be added to my next school invoice to cover the cost of the examination fee.

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

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