12 November 2018

**L.A.M.D.A. Examinations in Verse & Prose**

Dear Parents

All the children from J5 will be studying the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) syllabus for the Grade 1 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 choosing and learning two pieces of poetry of their choice at school. Please encourage your child to keep their copies at home to learn from memory. I would like them to have learnt their first poem securely from memory as soon as possible but by 4 December at the very latest. The children then have the Christmas break to work on clear diction, expressive communication and a variety of volume levels before they choose a second poem to learn after the Christmas break.

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 28 March 2019.**

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 5 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 30 November.**

The cost of the examination will be £41.00, which will be added to your next School Invoice.

**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 after Friday 30 November.**

Please let me know if, in the meantime, you have any further queries via email - nicolawildey@crackleyhall.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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