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GREETINGS FROM HEAD OF DRAMA & THEATRE,
KIM BENNETT

Hello and welcome to the London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA) programme! Let me share what LAMDA Programme is all about and why you should consider being part of this amazing programme.

Nexus currently offers drama lessons once a week for learners in Years 7 - 9 and then as an International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and International Baccalaureate (IB) option, but how about primary learners? How about learners who would like to learn the art behind performing and its techniques but the drama options at higher levels such as IGCSE or IB clash with other subject options? Or how about learners who are really enthusiastic about performing and an hour a week just doesn't hit the mark?

..... Enter LAMDA!

At Nexus, we want to offer all learners plenty of opportunities to be involved in the world of performing arts and to be able to hone their skills as much as possible. Through LAMDA, Nexus is offering additional fine-tuned performing arts classes. The drama they learn in class and the skills they learn in LAMDA lessons will complement each other and help to develop a learner into an astute and accomplished performer.

We are excited to be working with Mark and his team to offer LAMDA in Nexus and are thrilled that Nexus is one of only four LAMDA examination centres in Singapore. LAMDA exams are similar to musical instrument exams whereby a learner will move up in grades, Grade 1 to Grade 8 (Gold Medal).

As an ex-LAMDA student, facilitator and someone who has completed a PCertLAM professional qualification myself, I can't stress enough how valuable these courses are to young learners who wish to fine-tune essential skills in communication, interview techniques, public speaking and of course, performing.

As an older learner taking a medal examination (Grade 6 - 8), your certificate is an internationally-recognised qualification and weighted with UCAS points which will help with university entry. You don't need any prior knowledge or experience so if you are interested or simply curious, I strongly encourage you to read the information below and tag along to a session to find out for yourself just how brilliant a performer you can be!

Kim Bennett
Head of Drama & Theatre at Nexus



LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC & DRAMATIC ART **LAMDA PROGRAMME**

A world-leading performing arts school, London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA) is one of the UK's oldest and most respected drama schools and a Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) accredited organisation.

LAMDA focuses on developing learners into confident communicators through examinations in drama, literature and poetry. We offer exceptional vocational training, enabling learners to excel in self-expression while having fun in a safe environment.

LAMDA examinations focus on achievement and empowerment and while we are moving away from traditional elocution towards individual growth, our principles remain the same. We strive to develop our learners to become the best they can be in terms of artistic development. We empower learners across the globe to be confident communicators and if they choose to continue their passion in the performing arts field, we train them in view of pursuing a lifelong profession.

More than 100,000 people take LAMDA exams every year. Our learners come from diverse backgrounds from all over the world. What unites them is their enthusiasm for communication and performance and a desire to develop the skills they need to be a success.

Higher level exams (the medals) carry UCAS points for UK universities and are eligible for use in the American College Application Entry forms.

Here at Nexus, we offer a variety of exams in the following disciplines:

- ▶ Acting (Monologues/Duologues)
- ▶ Speaking in Public
- ▶ Reading for Performance
- ▶ Musical Theatre (solo/duo)
- ▶ Speaking Verse and Prose

Our LAMDA team at Nexus is led by Mark Waite, LAMDA Representative for South East Asia and his team of LAMDA teachers, all of whom are fully trained, professionally qualified and have years of working experience in the industry.

We look forward to having you join us on the LAMDA journey.

COSTS

The LAMDA programme runs for 30 weeks leading towards the examination, which is conducted by a visiting examiner from the UK (if Covid restrictions permit). Alternatively, it will run via Zoom. Should your child choose to participate in a LAMDA examination, it then becomes mandatory and will have to meet the required Ofqual standardisation regulations.

Classes are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays and periods last 30 minutes. The sessions are rotated, ensuring learners do not miss consecutive lessons in any subject. All prices stated include workbooks and materials.

We offer two packages for each programme and learners can opt to take classes on a one-to-one basis or with a friend as a pair:

Monologues/Solo

OPTION 1	OPTION 2
<p>Per semester (15 weeks): \$900 per semester (\$60 per session)</p> <p>This is paid per semester (Oct and Jan).</p> <p>Examination is optional - examination fee is additional and varies depending on grade.</p>	<p>Full package with a 15% discount:</p> <p>This includes all 30 sessions as well as the examination.</p> <p>If parents choose this option, invoices will be sent out once the Exam Grade has been agreed as examination fees vary for each grade.</p>

Duologues/Pairs

OPTION 1	OPTION 2
<p>Per semester (15 weeks): \$675</p> <p>Examination is optional - examination fee is additional and varies depending on grade.</p>	<p>Full package with a 15% discount:</p> <p>This includes all 30 sessions as well as the examination.</p> <p>If parents choose this option, invoices will be sent out once the Exam Grade has been agreed as examination fees vary for each grade.</p>

Trial Lessons

We are happy to run the first session as a paid trial session. Should your child decide to register for the class, we will deduct the cost of the trial session from the final invoice:

- ▶ Monologues/Solo - One-to-one Sessions: **\$60**
- ▶ Duologues/Pairs **\$45 (per learner)**

MEET THE TEAM

Our team of talented freelance facilitators are all highly skilled in their respective fields and have extensive experience of teaching in local and international schools across Singapore. Our facilitators will be in direct contact with parents with regard to learners' progress and grade enquiries.

All workbooks and materials will be supplied as well.



MARK WAITE

LAMDA REPRESENTATIVE AND PROGRAMME LEADER

Mark is a LAMDA Examiner and is the representative for LAMDA in South East Asia, overseeing the training programme and examination tours for the Singapore team.

Mark graduated from Mountview Theatre School and went on to work extensively in theatre and television in both the UK and Singapore before joining LAMDA as a trainer. He went on to take his teaching diploma with LAMDA and became a Licentiate (LLAM) in 2006. He then worked as Head of Drama in a leading independent school in the UK before joining LAMDA as member of the examining board in 2017.

He took up the post as Head of Education for Pangdemonium Theatre in Singapore in 2020 and joined Koh&Waite educational consultants in 2021 in order to promote LAMDA exams to schools across Singapore and the region.

SERENE MARTIN

COMPANY MANAGER AND LEAD FACILITATOR

Serene has been teaching Drama and Speech for the last 14 years to learners aged 3 to 18 years of age, locally and internationally. She first started acting since she was 14 when she initially trained under the Singapore Repertory Theatre's Young CoCompany. After which, she continued studying at Oklahoma University in the USA. She then went on to work with Julia Gabriel Communication in Shanghai before returning to Singapore to work with Pangdemonium Theatre and Singapore Repertory Theatre in their education and outreach programmes. She has also worked professionally acting on stage, film and television and is excited to bring LAMDA into schools.





JAIPAL FACILITATOR

Jaipal has been teaching LAMDA in a number of local and international schools and enjoys working with the younger age groups, specialising in Early Years and Junior LAMDA. He also has experience in working with learners with additional needs – an area he finds particularly fulfilling.

LYNN CHIA FACILITATOR

Lynn Chia is a drama trainer and a theatre/film actor. As a trainer, she has worked with Big Boat Studio, Crestar Learning Centre, ACT 3 Theatrics, Singapore Repertory Theatre, Faust International, Buds Youth Theatre and Tongue in Cheek Production. As an actor, she acted as Kimberly in Girls Girls Girls, L in Finding L, Alicia in Lady E's Wedding Revenge Plan (NYFA - Best Live Action) and Joanne in Foreign Object (nuSTUDIOS Point & Shoot - Best Film). She also does commercial, voice acting and events hosting. Lynn graduated with a BA (Hons) in Acting from LASALLE College of the Arts and has a Specialist Certificate in Teaching and Learning of Preschool Arts from SEED Institute.



FURTHER INFORMATION

SHOULD MY CHILD TAKE UP ACTING OR SPEAKING EXAMINATIONS?

We would recommend that your child starts off first in a discipline that he or she might enjoy - but your child can always review and change his or her path within the first few weeks. We advise your child to take up a trial session first and find out more about the class before committing to a discipline.

DOES MY CHILD NEED ANY PREVIOUS ACTING EXPERIENCE?

Not at all - LAMDA exams are designed to suit all ages and abilities. The facilitator will work with your child to ascertain their ability and skill set. Whilst we want learners to reach their maximum potential in their learning, we would never place a learner in a position where they would feel uncomfortable or not have the opportunity to succeed.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE SYLLABUS?

You can access LAMDA syllabi for free on the LAMDA website: www.lamda.ac.uk

HOW DO I ENROL?

Please use this [link](#) to register your interest in the programme. Kindly indicate your child's year group and LAMDA discipline preference. A representative from the LAMDA team will then be in touch.

We look forward to meeting you and working with your child in the pursuit and development of their craft!



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