

WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS



LAMDA Public Speaking Tuition 2024-2025

Westcliff High School for Boys has a reputation for encouraging effective public speaking and we invite parents to enter their sons for a short course of taster sessions for LAMDA Public Speaking lessons at the School. The benefits of confident and effective public speaking are well known. We have partnered with a skilled LAMDA tutor who can help the pupils to realize their public speaking potential.

THE COURSE

Taster Sessions

Pupils will attend an initial course of three, weekly, 30-minute sessions, at a total cost of £30.

If your son would like to try the three week LAMDA Taster Course, please use the link below to book his place.

<https://whsb.wufoo.com/forms/lamda-taster-sessions/>

Once these three sessions have been completed, your son will choose whether or not to proceed with the full course.

Lessons

Pupils will receive a 30-minute lesson each week for 20 weeks of the School Year. These lessons are to be delivered in a group of no more than three pupils, and will be priced at £10 per lesson.

If your son has previously completed the Taster Session, or has previously completed LAMDA Tuition and would like to proceed directly to the full course, please use the link below to book his place.

<https://whsb.wufoo.com/forms/lamda-public-speaking-award-tuition-202223/>

Examinations

Your son may choose to proceed to a LAMDA examination, which would most likely take place locally, on a weekend (they run in Leigh-on-Sea and London). Depending upon take up, it may be possible to run these examinations at the School.

Examinations for the LAMDA grades we will initially be working towards (grades 3,4 & 5) are priced at £49 - £62. With administration costs added, the cost of entering an examination will be between £70-£85 dependent on the grade.

Medal Lessons

Initially, the programme outlined above is offered. If the course proves to be popular, the School may look to offer lessons, and examination entry, for the higher level 'medal' LAMDA qualifications.

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Remote Learning

In the unlikely event of another lockdown due to COVID-19, it may be necessary for lessons to be delivered online via Microsoft Teams. By signing up to lessons, you acknowledge that there is a possibility that lessons may be delivered online.

Timetabling

Lessons are timetabled on a rotational system, with pupils attending at a different time on the same day every week. Pupils who are timetabled during a teaching period will only miss part of a lesson and, due to the rotational system, these pupils will not miss the same lesson regularly. Pupils are responsible for catching up on any work that has been missed during their LAMDA lesson. By signing the Contract, you acknowledge and accept the responsibility that your child may be scheduled during School lessons and once timetabled may not be able to be moved. If you have any specific timetabling requests, please make them known on the LAMDA Tuition Request Form. It is possible that timetables will change as the term progresses. Any pupil affected by timetable changes will be informed.

Confirmation of Lessons and Payment

Once your son's sign-up to the taster sessions is complete, the School will request payment via the online *ParentPay* system.

Payment for the full course of lessons will be required by 23 September 2022.

It will not be possible to sign up after 23 September 2022 without first contacting the Director of Drama (Mr Jeffreys) to discuss availability.

When timetables have been created the School will send individual copies to those pupils who have requested lessons. The timetables will also be on display on the Drama Notice Board. The School will endeavour to meet individual timetabling requests but this is not always possible and remains at the discretion of the LAMDA Co-ordinator if any problems occur.

Attendance

Pupils are responsible for attending their LAMDA lessons punctually. If a pupil is unable to attend a lesson because of illness or because of involvement in another School activity, we should be grateful if parents would let the School know as soon as possible. It is sometimes possible for the lesson to be rescheduled or made up at a later time, though this cannot be guaranteed.

Cancellations

If a pupil is to be withdrawn from lessons before the end of the term, two week's notice is required. The School will endeavour to make a refund to parents for the remaining fees but no assurance can be given. This is dependent on a replacement pupil being found. An administration fee of £25 will be levied by the School.

Practice

Pupils will only obtain lasting benefits from their LAMDA lessons if they do regular practice at home during the week, and the LAMDA teacher emphasises that pupils must be committed and motivated.

We encourage parents to help their children to establish a regular practice routine; shorter periods of thoughtful practice are far better than longer periods of just reading through pieces.

Performing, Festivals, and Examinations

In addition to the main LAMDA and Drama Performances, pupils have the opportunity to perform within the classroom or at Assemblies and in House and community competitions.

Reports

Parents will receive a written report on their child's progress in the final term. Parents are very welcome at any time to contact the LAMDA teacher if they have any concerns via the Director of Drama.