



Emmanuel College

7 September 2018

Dear Parent

LAMDA Lessons

I am delighted to inform you that Emmanuel College will again be able to offer Speech and Drama lessons to students in years 8-13. Mrs Pilman and Mrs Taylor, experienced theatre directors who have worked extensively in professional theatre, will be in College to teach these lessons. 2017-18 was an excellent year in respect of LAMDA examination results for Emmanuel College. Candidates achieved a 98% merit and distinction rate, and we are very proud of their personal achievements.

Students will again study for the prestigious LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) examinations which take place in College at the end of the spring term in the drama studio. These qualifications are highly respected and the Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals are also worth university application points. The examinations are designed to equip candidates, whatever their age, with a range of skills which will serve them throughout life by improving the way they present themselves through the spoken word and by fostering their self-confidence. As with music exams, there is a fee to pay for each of the LAMDA exams, the amount depending on the grade. Students will be able to take examinations in a range of skills such as the speaking of verse and prose, public speaking, or acting.

Lessons are taught in small groups and last for thirty minutes. The timetable is rotated as much as possible so that students do not miss the same lesson each week. Examinations will take place during April for students in years 11 and 13, May for years 10 and 12, and June for years 8 and 9.

Students should be aware that they will need to spend some time at home learning and practising their pieces in preparation for the examination. This year we would like to help reduce the cost of the final examination in the spring term by adjusting the term payment as follows:

LAMDA tuition costs are £50 per term; in addition, this year we will ask for a further £10 per term towards each student's exam fee. This new term fee of £60 will, therefore, include a £30 payment towards the exam fee for students in years 8, 9, 10 and 12 and £20 for students in years 11 and 13. This will then be deducted from your final payment for the exam in the spring term.

Please note that lessons for year 11 and year 13 students will end after the examination in the spring term, therefore only two payments will be necessary (5 October 2018 and 7 January 2019).

If you would like your son/daughter to take LAMDA lessons, please [click here](#) to complete the form. Once we have received your reply, the item will be added to your ParentPay account and payment will be required by making three instalments no later than the 5 October 2018, 7 January and 19 April 2019. Each instalment will be added to your ParentPay account at least one month prior to the due date. Please could you complete the form no later than **Monday 17 September**.

If you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Pilman or myself at College.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P Wells
Head of Music and Drama & Events Manager