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Dear Parent/Carer

LAMDA Fast Track

This year we are delighted to be able to offer the 10-week Fast Track programme in the London School of Music and Dramatic Art's Acting qualification. The course is offered to Year 12 students who would like to gain a LAMDA Grade 6 in Acting during the summer term with Dr Bridie Moore.

LAMDA (the London School of Music and Dramatic Art), provide recognised qualifications which are increasingly sought after by universities and employers, and are designed to develop communication skills and self-confidence. You can read more on the benefits [here](https://www.lamda.ac.uk/): <https://www.lamda.ac.uk/>. Grade 6 Acting (Bronze Medal) is worth between 8-12 UCAS points depending on the grade achieved. Students can take a Solo or Duologue exam.

The Fast Track programme consists of a 10-week programme throughout the Summer term, leading to the exam which you would take in late June. Lessons would be timetabled to fit with students' free periods, during lunchtime or after school.

Solo Acting Exam

- 1-hour individual tuition per week (either in one lesson or 2 x 30-min lessons a week) - £390 for the term
- Exam entry fee - £82

Duologue Exam*

- Timetabled as either 2 x 40-min sessions or one 1hour 20-min lesson per week - £500 for the term, £250 per student.
- Exam entry fee - £143 (71.50 each)

*This is subject to there being other students opting for the Duologue exam. Both students need to be committed to taking the exam as once you start you can't change to Solo if one drops out.

Students do not need to have studied drama or acting before to take up this opportunity. They just need to have some enthusiasm for the subject and be willing to put in the work to learn the lines and take the exam. Lessons can be purchased via the Lunch Pal website: <https://lunchpal.co.uk>. If you have any questions, please email HGSEncore@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Twitchin

Teacher of Music and Encore! Lead

LAMDA Fast Track

Hi, I am Dr Moore and I teach LAMDA Acting Exams at Harrogate Grammar School.



This year we are offering a 10-week Fast Track programme to year 12 students who would like to gain a LAMDA Grade 6 in Acting during the summer term.

LAMDA stands for the London School of Music and Dramatic Art, and they offer recognised acting qualifications.

Grade 6 Acting (Bronze Medal) is worth between 8 – 12 UCAS points depending on the grade you achieve. This could help you get into the university of your choice

To give you an idea of what UCAS points are worth, an A at A-level is worth 48 UCAS points a C is worth 32.

Students at Harrogate Grammar School taking this exam with me in the past have always scored either a Merit or Distinction, though of course that's not guaranteed. Even if you do not plan to study Drama/Performing Arts, this would be a useful addition to your application. If you were aiming for an arts degree this would be an extra feather in your cap.

You can take the exam on your own (Solo) or in pairs (Duologue). Either way, you have to perform two scenes of between 3 and 5 mins long and answer 3 questions about your character, their motivation and about breathing techniques, which I will of course tutor you on.

The Fast Track programme consists of 20 sessions, throughout the term, starting straight after Easter, leading to the exam which you would take in late June.

If you would like to take the Solo Acting exam, you could do either 2 X 30 mins sessions on two separate days or one hour-long session on one day each week. We will fit this in with your free periods or you would take this in lunchtime or after school.

If you would like to take the Duologue exam, we can timetable 2 x 20 min sessions per week and that would mean that both people would come for 40 minutes on two days per week or one 1-hour-20-minute session on one day per week. You both need to be committed to taking the exam as once you start you can't change to Solo if one drops out.

If you would like to take up this opportunity you don't need to have studied drama or acting before, you just need to have some enthusiasm for the subject and be willing to put in the work to learn the lines and take the exam. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Twitchin at HGS Encore@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

All the best

Dr Bridie Moore