

28th June 2024

Dear Parents

**DRAMATICA CLASSES FROM SEPTEMBER 2024
ST BERNARD'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

Building on the success of our incredibly successful second year at St Bernard's, we are very excited to announce details of all our clubs from September 2024.

All of our classes are designed to promote confidence and encourage children's imagination and creativity. To enrol on any of these sessions, please register directly with us by visiting www.dramatica.org.uk/classes and scrolling to the St Bernard's section.

These are the sessions we will be running from September 2024. ***Please note, spaces are strictly limited and are offered on a first come first served basis. These sessions are run by practitioners from the Dramatica Team.***

GROUP LAMDA: YEARS 1-3* (Academic year commitment required)

Tuesday lunchtime break

£5.50/session

Children will work on building their confidence within a group and interaction with their peers. They will work on a variety of material which will be used as their examination work at the end of the summer term. This includes poetry and stories, as well as devised work. Other skills include speaking, listening, sharing, self expression, presenting and performing. There will be limited lines to learn during the course and we ask that parents support their children in this.

Children will take an exam in the summer term, in front of an external examiner and be awarded a certificate once they get their results. These exams are OFQUAL regulated meaning those that continue to study towards them at the highest level will gain accreditations that may be used towards the UCAS tariff.

GROUP LAMDA: YEARS 5 & 6* (Academic year commitment required)

Tuesday after school, 4.00pm – 5.00pm

£8/session

Children will work on a variety of performance skills and in small groups and to produce a piece of work ready for the examination in the summer term. This will involve learning scripts, working on characters, staging and directing. Children may also be given the opportunity of performing at one of the major theatres in Windsor which is arranged independently from St Bernard's. The LAMDA exams are designed to promote confidence and interpersonal skills, as well as looking at speaking, script work, movement, character, roleplay and improvisation. There will be lines to learn during the course and we ask that parents support their children in this.

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*** IMPORTANT**

All our LAMDA sessions require a year-long commitment. Once registered in September 2024, children will be expected to attend for the academic year and take the exam in Summer 2025. The exam is charged separately to the weekly fee. This is a one off fee between £10-£70 depending on the level taken.

DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING: YEARS 4-6 (*Termly commitment*)

Tuesday lunchtime break

£5.50/session

Students will look at the skills involved in speaking in public and presenting their ideas to an audience. They will be encouraged to debate both sides of an argument and work on sounding confident when speaking to a group. Students will learn the art of effective argument and be able to think objectively and critically.

FUNTIME INTRODUCTION TO DRAMA: EARLY YEARS (*Termly commitment*)

Tuesday after school, 3.30pm – 4.00pm

£5.50/session

Children are introduced to working together and encouraged to speak in a way that promotes confidence and communication skills. Children work from stimulus stories to capture their imaginations and see where it takes them. There will take part in a variety of activities, including storytelling, role playing, poetry, singing and dancing with the focus being on building confidence. Children are always encouraged to share their work within the group and gain important listening and speaking skills.

SOLO (1:1) LAMDA* (*Academic year commitment required*)

(For these sessions please email us directly at clubs@dramatica.org.uk)

YEARS 1-6

Tuesdays during the school day (depending on numbers we may offer an additional day for these)

£25 per 30 minute session

These sessions work on a weekly individual peripatetic basis with an average of 8 sessions per term and 24 over the year. Children have the option of working on a choice of subjects including

- Public Speaking
- Solo Acting
- Verse & Prose
- Musical Theatre

The timetable is provided on a rotational basis, with breaktimes usually being reserved for those in Year 6. These sessions are also particularly useful to those undergoing interviews and scholarships for next schools. The students take an exam in the summer term in front of an external examiner. Students are given the opportunity of performing at one of the major theatres in Windsor, arranged independently from St Bernard's.

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Very best wishes

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