

GENEVA LAMDA INFORMATION 2020



Dear Academy Student and Parent,

LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Arts) is one of the UK's most prestigious drama schools. They offer performance based examinations which have been carefully refined and developed over many years by experts in education, acting and communication.

In addition to being the largest Speech and Drama Board in the United Kingdom, LAMDA Examinations have a reputation for excellence across Europe, the Far East, the Middle East, Africa and the United States.

These exams are recognised educational qualifications and are accredited as an Awarding Body by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) in England, and the corresponding regulatory authorities in Wales (ACCAC) and Northern Ireland (CEA). Some of the higher level examinations award UCAS points (for university entry in the UK).

The examination itself provides candidates with an opportunity to:

- Measure progress against an internationally applied standard
- Make contact with expert assessors outside the immediate teaching environment
- Receive critical appraisal and guidance for future development
- Build self-confidence and self-esteem
- Acquire skill certification
- Receive a record of personal achievement

Simply Theatre Academy students has had a lot of success over the past 10 years with a 100% pass rate, and more than 65% of students getting distinctions. Last year was our best year ever with 70 distinctions and 40 Merits. This year, we will once again be offering students the opportunity to take examinations in 'Acting' and 'Musical Theatre'.

These exams will take place in Geneva from Wednesday the 13th May 2019 to Tuesday the 19th May 2020.

Exams are open to all Academy students aged 7 and above with the approval of their Academy teacher. It is also advised that students have already completed a minimum of one full year at the Academy before applying.

Due to high demand and the desire to ensure each and every student receives the time and support that they require in the preparation process, we have a limit on how many students we shall be accepting for examination this year. We have slightly altered the structure of our programme, following feedback from staff, students and parents, to include more private tuitions as part of the course. However, do please make sure that you are available for all weekend workshops as they are mandatory (see next pages).

If after reading this information pack, you would like to apply to take the LAMDA exams this year, please complete the attached application form and return it to the Academy office / your Academy teacher at your earliest convenience and in advance of the cut-off date. You can also apply online.

The closing date for applications is 30th September.

With best wishes,

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SIMPLY THEATRE LAMDA EXAMINATIONS 2020 – INFORMATION PACK

ACTING EXAMINATIONS

LAMDA examinations in Acting are designed to develop the skills necessary to communicate dramatic text to an audience. Candidates who prepare themselves appropriately will develop interpretative skills, technical skills, and knowledge of the performance process.

Candidates will have to learn either one, two or three monologues dependant on level of entry. Also, they can be paired with another candidate to work on a selection of monologues and / or duologues.

MUSICAL THEATRE EXAMINATIONS

LAMDA examinations in Musical Theatre are designed to develop the skills necessary to communicate the dramatic context of musical text over a range of musical styles / categories. The emphasis is on performance and presentation rather than on the study of musical theatre as a whole.

Candidates will learn either one, two or three songs / scenes dependant on level of entry, or can be paired with another candidate to work on a selection of songs / scenes.

EXAMINATION FEES

	Acting	MT
Grade 1	570	530
Grade 2	580	540
Grade 3	590	550
Grade 4	620	580
Grade 5	620	580
Grade 6 / Bronze	1,000	1,000
Grade 7 / Silver	1,020	1,020
Grade 8 / Gold	1,040	1,040

*Fees include – all materials, administration, exam tuition sessions (workshops, private tuition sessions, mock exam, LAMDA examination, exam report & feedback, certificate (plus medals for grades 6, 7, 8)

LAMDA PREPERATION – WORKSHOPS AND PRIVATE TUITION DATES & TIMES

This year candidates will partake in a series of essential workshops and private tuition sessions. We have found this combination of group work and private tuition to be very beneficial in recent years.

For the workshops section of the exam preparation, students will be split according to the level of exam they are taking (Exam level will be determined by the Academy at the time of application. For most students who have already taken LAMDA exams previously, this will be a natural progression to the next exam level). Tuition groups will break down into groups as follows:

ACTING EXAMINATIONS

- Group A1 – Entry, Grades 1-3
- Group A2 – Grades 4-5
- Group A3 – Medal levels – grades 6, 7, 8 (Bronze, Silver, Gold)

MUSICAL THEATRE EXAMINATIONS

- Group MT1 – Entry, Grades 1-3
- Group MT2 - Grades 4-5
- Group MT3 – Medal levels – grades 6, 7, 8 (Bronze, Silver, Gold)

THE LAMDA EXAM PREPARATION BREAKDOWN

Group A1 and A2 (Acting Entry and Grades 1-5)

1. **Workshop 1 Grades 1-3 (2 hours) Sunday 13th October 10am-12pm**
Workshop 1 Grades 4-5 (2 hours) Sunday 13th October 12.30pm-2.30pm
2. **Workshop 2 Grades 1-3 (2 hours) Sunday 24th November 10am-12pm**
Workshop 2 Grades 4-5 (2 hours) Sunday 24th November 12.30pm-2.30pm
3. Private Coaching Session 1(1/2 hour) to be booked between Saturday 30th November and Sunday 12th January
4. Private Coaching Session 2(1/2 hour) to be booked between Wednesday 15th January and Tuesday 28th January
5. **Workshop 3 Grades 1-3 (2 hours) Sunday^{09th} February 10am-12pm**
Workshop 3 Grades 4-5 (2 hours) Sunday^{09th} February 12.30pm-2.30pm
6. Private Coaching Session 3(1/2 hour) to be booked between Sunday 09th February and Sunday 08th March
7. Private Coaching Session 4(1/2 hour) to be booked between Sunday 08th March and Sunday 05th April

8. **Mock Exam days** – You will be allocated either Saturday 25th April, Sunday 26th April, Saturday 02nd May or Sunday the 03rd May
9. **Exam days** – These will take place between **13th May 2020 and Tuesday the 19th May 2020.**

Group A3 – Acting Medal levels (Grades 6, 7, 8, Bronze, Silver, Gold)

1. **Workshop 1 (2 hours) Sunday 13th October 3.00pm-5.00pm**
2. **Workshop 2 (2 hours) Sunday 24th October 3.00pm-5.00pm**

3. Private Coaching Session 1(1 hour) to be booked between Sunday 01st November and Sunday 12th January
4. Private Coaching Session 2(1 hour) to be booked between Wednesday 15th January and Tuesday 28th January
5. Private Coaching Session 3(1 hour) to be booked between Sunday 09th February and Sunday 8th March
6. Private Coaching Session 4(1 hour) to be booked between Sunday 08th March and Sunday 22nd March
7. Private Coaching Session 5(1 hour) to be booked between Sunday 22nd March and Sunday 05th April

8. **Mock Exam days** – You will be allocated either Saturday 25th April, Sunday 26th April, Saturday 02nd May or Sunday the 03rd May
9. **Exam days** – These will take place between **13th May 2020 and Tuesday the 19th May 2020.**

Group MT1 and MT2 (Musical Theatre Entry, Grades 1-5)

1. Private Coaching Session 1 (1/2 hour) to be booked between October 14th – November 04th

2. **Workshop 1** Grades 1-3 10.00am -11.30pm Sunday 24th November
Workshop 1 Grades 4-5 12.30pm -2.00pm Sunday 24th November

3. Private Coaching Session 2 (1/2 hour) to be booked between 26th November and 15th January
4. Private Coaching Session 3 (1/2 hour) to be booked between 15th January -10th February
5. Private Coaching Session 4(1/2 hour) to be booked between 10th February -31st March

6. **Workshop 2** Grades 1-3 10.00am -11.30pm Sunday 08thMarch
Workshop 2 Grades 4-5 12.30pm -2.00pm Sunday 08thMarch

7. **Mock Exam days** – You will be allocated either Saturday 25th April, Sunday 26th April, Saturday 02nd May or Sunday the 03rd May
8. **Exam days** – These will take place between **13th May 2020 and Tuesday the 19th May 2020.**

Group MT3 (Musical Theatre Medal levels – Grades 6, 7, 8 Bronze, Silver, Gold)

1. Private Coaching Session (1hour) to be booked between October 14th – November 04th
2. **Workshop 1** 2.30pm -4.00pm Sunday 24th November
3. Private Coaching Session1 (1 hour) to be booked between 26th November and 15th January
4. Private Coaching Session2 (1 hour) to be booked between 15th January -10th February
5. Private Coaching Session 3(1 hour) to be booked between 10th February -09th March
6. Private Coaching Session4 (1 hour) to be booked between 11th March -25th March
7. **Workshop 2** 2.30pm – 4.00pm – Sunday 08th March
8. **Mock Exam days** – You will be allocated either Saturday 25th April, Sunday 26th April, Saturday 02nd May or Sunday the 03rd May
9. **Exam days** – These will take place between **13th May 2020 and Tuesday the 19th May 2020.**

*It is important that students and parents wishing to sign up for the LAMDA examinations must accept the commitment that they are making to attend all of the appropriate weekend workshops for their exam level and the mock exams (please see the attached information for further details).

Mock Exams

These mock exams are an essential final preparation and safety net for ALL students, in advance of their LAMDA exam. They are treated like the real thing, with candidates presenting the exam and answering questions exactly as they would be required to in their real examination. The mock exams are a pre-requisite to taking the LAMDA exams and it is mandatory that every candidate make themselves available this weekend.

Exam days – These will take place between 13th May 2020 and Tuesday the 19th May 2020.

The Length of each exam varies by grade (see the chart below). We expect students to arrive 10-15 minutes before their exam time in order to warm up and ensure that they are relaxed and prepared for their examination.

LENGTH OF INDIVIDUAL EXAMINATIONS

ACTING EXAMINATIONS

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| • Preliminary and Entry Level | 10 minutes |
| • Grades 1, 2, 3 – Acting | 15 minutes |
| • Grades 4 & 5 – Acting | 20 minutes |
| • Medal levels – grades 6, 7, 8 (Bronze, Silver, Gold) | 25 minutes |

MUSICAL THEATRE EXAMINATIONS

- Grades 1-3 15 minutes
- Grades 4 & 5 20 minutes
- Medal Levels – grades 6, 7, 8 (Bronze, Silver, Gold) 25 minutes



LAMDA EXAMINATIONS 2019/2020

ENTRY FORM

To be completed in black ink and returned by 30th September 2019 (not needed if enrolled online).

Student Details

Students Full Name (as you wish it to appear on your certificate) _____

Date of Birth _____

Previous LAMDA Exam taken (if any) _____

Preferred choice of exam (Please choose only one by circling) **ACTING** / **MUSICAL THEATRE** (open to PA students only)

Any other information to be taken into account _____

Student Email Address: (important for Grade 6 and above) _____

Course Attended at Simply Theatre: DAY/TIME/VENUE _____

Simply Theatre Teacher _____

Parent Full Name (Please print) _____

Parent Email Address _____

Parent Contact Number _____

Terms and Conditions (please take time to read in full before signing)

- Simply Theatre Academy reserves the right to make the final decision as to whether a student will be entered for examination in 2017.
- The Simply Theatre Academy Tutors will determine which type of examination and at which grade candidates will be entered.
- On successful application for a LAMDA exam, students agree to attend all relevant workshops and private tuition sessions as listed in this pack.
- In signing this application form, parents and students declare that they have read and understood the commitment they are making in agreeing to take these exams and have noted all of the workshop and tuition dates listed.
- On being accepted for examination students agree to the responsibility of working at home as well as in workshop and private tuition sessions to learn and polish their selected audition pieces to the best of their ability.
- Simply Theatre Academy reserves the right to withdraw a student from LAMDA examinations if their behaviour is detrimental to the enjoyment or progress of the other participants, or if they do not show sufficient commitment, at any point in the rehearsal period.
- An examination fee will be required and payable to Simply Theatre Academy. These fees must be paid in full in advance of the first LAMDA workshop. Fees are variable according to examination type and entry grade. As a guide please view the fee table. Exam fees cover the examination fee set by LAMDA, tuition, administrative fees, certificate and written report. An invoice will be sent out with a confirmation letter to all successful applicants.
- On applying for examination you are also agreeing to pay the appropriate fees if the application is successful.
- No refunds will be given.
- It is the responsibility of the parent and student to ensure that they sign up for their private tuition sessions.
- Students who fail to sign up or attend tuition may not be able to continue with the LAMDA examination programme, as these sessions are essential and due to time restrictions, it is unlikely to be possible to catch these up. If however an alternate time can be found at the discretion of the Academy's LAMDA administrator, an extra fee will be charged for the extra session at a rate of 100CHF per hour.

I understand the commitment my child is making, agree to the terms and conditions above and give my permission.

Signature of parent/guardian named above: _____ **DATE:** / /