



RABBLE LAMDA at The Abbey Junior School TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Gain Confidence
- Learn new communication and performance skills in a fun relaxed atmosphere
- Make new friends

Lessons

LAMDA lessons at The Abbey Junior School are for Abbey students only and run after school on Thursdays as part of the Co-curricular programme. Once you have enrolled your child you do not need to enroll them again each term. Their place will be held until you notify RABBLE LAMDA and The Abbey school in writing that you wish to discontinue lessons. A TERMS NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN IN WRITING and this can be done by email to admin@rabblelamda.com.

Choosing the appropriate grade

RABBLE LAMDA's teachers are highly experienced and consider carefully the grade each child is entered at. Occasionally younger students work their way through the grades very quickly, this can become a problem when they get older as higher grades are not suitable for younger students due to the content of the pieces and the criteria used to assess the candidates. Please listen to the advice offered by teachers and if you would like to discuss the level your child is entered at please email dani@rabblelamda.com. It may seem like a really good idea to skip a grade and enter at a higher level but when it affects results it is not great for a student's confidence or enjoyment of the class.

LAMDA recommend that Grade 6 acting is the equivalent of a GCSE – Year 11
Grade 8 the equivalent of an A-level – Year 13

If you work backwards you can see that a year 6 students should be taking Grade 1.

Exams

Students will be given the opportunity to take a LAMDA examination at least once a year. This will involve a charge ranging from approximately £50 - £119 depending on grade taken. Teachers will confirm when a student is ready to take an exam and you will be sent a form detailing how to make payment. The exams in Reading normally on a Saturday or Sunday. Exam timetables are sent out by LAMDA 2 weeks before the exam date. (RABBLE LAMDA reserves the right to withdraw any student from an exam who is not fully prepared or who does not know their lines the week before the exam without reimbursing the exam fee. NB In 10 years we have only had to do this once.)

Missed Lessons

Staff are paid for each term based on 10 week terms and therefore it is not our policy to offer refunds or make up lessons, if you cannot attend a lesson no refund will be given. **Exceptions for missed Lessons due to self-isolating:** Payments for the classes are administered by The Abbey Junior School. Please refer to their policies on mixed lessons due to self-isolating.

Teacher sickness

There are times when a teacher cannot make a lesson due to sickness. In the unusual event of this, every effort will be made to find a replacement teacher but occasionally a class may need to be combined with another class.



Cancelled lessons

Occasionally we encounter problems out of our control and have to cancel a class. In the event of a class being cancelled by RABBLE LAMDA or the school we will offer a 'make up' class. If you cannot attend this make up class no refund will be given. If a 'make up' lesson is not possible we will offer a credit note for a future LAMDA class or attempt to allow students to join another class.

School outings that interfere with class

If the school organizes an outing that interferes with a LAMDA class this will be treated as an absence and you will not be offered a 'make up' class.

Parents Watching Week

Parents Watching Week is a great way for our students to showcase their pieces in front of their families and peers and we find that it really boosts their confidence ahead of an exam. We will host a Parents Watching Week for the families of students who are sitting an exam, a week or so ahead of the examining session date.

Payment per term

Payments for the classes are administered by The Abbey Junior School.

Online learning

RABBLE LAMDA has been successfully teaching LAMDA classes to individuals and groups since March 2020, when a national lockdown and school closures meant that we were not able to teach face to face. RABBLE LAMDA will always aim to deliver face to face classes unless directed otherwise by government guidance or the school setting in which the classes take place.

When face to face classes are not possible we will offer online learning via Zoom to ensure no disruption to learning. Wherever possible the timetable will remain the same but in some circumstances it will be necessary to change the time of the class for the period of time it is delivered online. Students will need access to a suitable device, preferably a laptop, chromebook or similar to take part in the classes. Zoom meeting details will be emailed in advance of the class to parents. Please read our Online Learning with RABBLE LAMDA which also contains guidelines for students taking part in online learning.

IMPORTANT

One term's notice is required in writing for withdrawal from LAMDA tuition. This can be done via email to admin@rabblelamda.com.