



8th September 2017

Dear Parents

I am delighted to inform you that from September 2017 we will be offering extra-curricular drama classes to pupils at Town Close. These will be provided by Mrs Ashdown who runs the DramActive Academy (please see below for further details about Mrs Ashdown and her company) and will focus on introducing and developing performance skills, whilst also offering the opportunity for participants to take LAMDA examinations (again, further details are below).

The classes will be available for children in Years 3 to 8 who are genuinely interested in, or have a passion for, performance and will be chargeable at £5.50 per session, payable directly to Mrs Ashdown (LAMDA examinations carry an extra cost). In order to provide a personal experience, places are limited to 20 children in total and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Classes will take place on Mondays from 4.15 – 5.15pm in the Read Hall during term time, commencing on the 25th September 2017 and ending on the 25th June 2018. Please note that complete dedication will be required by all members of the class and children will be expected to attend every session (illness / extenuating circumstances aside), so I do ask that they check the activities lists before committing to any club or activity, to avoid clashes or disappointment.

If your child would like to take part in these classes, please email me directly at kbeasley@townclose.com. Once the 20 places are filled, I will send out registration and payment details to those parents concerned.

Please read on to find out further, specific details about DramActive, LAMDA and Mrs Ashdown.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Beasley
Head of Drama

DramActive Academy specialises in teaching children of all ages and abilities in drama, theatre and film and television training. The company currently operates from several different venues in and around Norwich and Norfolk including Norwich High School, Norwich Cathedral School, Notre Dame and many other schools both in senior and primary education together with our own multiple centers and is a well-established company of over 25 years.

DramActive Academy aims to coach and mentor pupils to the highest levels in the subjects that it covers, utilising a structured but creative approach to training and teaching in the following areas:

- 1. A mixture of drama, singing, confidence building, role-play, dressing up, dance and movement/mime/poetry/speech.*
- 2. Television and film technique*
- 3. Preparation for a future in the acting world, drama school preparation.*

DramActive Academy offers all students the opportunity to enter into The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art's (L.A.M.D.A) examination syllabus for many of the listed subjects. LAMDA is the oldest Drama School in the United Kingdom, and is well respected across the board in the field. The Curriculum Authority has accredited the LAMDA Examinations. In conjunction to their accreditation by the Curriculum Authority, the higher grades have UCAS points attached to them, aiding those applying to University and beyond. These exams are at an extra cost and arranged by Jane Ashdown.

We are also able to offer pupils of DramActive Academy the opportunity to experience and work within film and television through its established relationships with various companies. DramActive Academy offers students opportunities in extra work through its own casting agency, Luvvie's Casting. Further details on how to join will be given to pupils at their class or as requested.

DramActive Academy's Principle, Jane Ashdown (LLAM (Hons) and ALAM (Hons)) is a fully qualified teacher of Dramatic Art and has been teaching for almost 30 years. Jane is also member of the Society of Teachers of Speech and Drama, which is a body that monitors and maintains high standards of drama teaching through the provision of only qualified teaching professionals. Having experienced film, television, and theatre throughout her career, she is able to offer a unique training that is only gained from experience within the field. Jane is also qualified in Mencap training, which supports learning disabilities and is a member of the S.A.F.E organisation. Every member of staff, including Jane holds a DBS (Disclosure Barring Service) and an advanced disclosure. Further details may be found on www.dramactive.co.uk. We are also able to offer private lessons in speech and drama/musical theatre, which are available by arrangement.

*For more information, please email jane@dramactive.co.uk
Or call 07768830668*