



**Mission Statement:**

The Sacred Heart is a Community committed to the education of its pupils in a Catholic Christian ethos, where each person is invited to serve God and others in faith, hope and love.

**Aims:**

To foster spiritual growth in Christian faith and values  
To value, appreciate and enjoy learning  
To work for excellence  
To further curiosity and creativity  
To aspire to high ideals  
To stimulate generous service of others

**Academic: Curriculum**

## **Speech / Drama / Theatre Studies Policy**

This is an extra curricular activity taken out of school hours and leading to LAMDA examinations in Speaking of Verse & Prose, Acting & Miming, Improvisation, Reading for Performance and Spoken English - Grades Introductory to Medals , Group and Individual examinations.

### **Aims and objectives**

- ⤴ For the Years 2 to 11 pupils who are studying Speech and Drama in groups in 30 sessions of ½ hour per year - the aim is to improve and increase confidence both individually and in groups and where parents request it - the preparation of each pupil for Speech / Drama examinations of the LAMDA syllabus.
- ⤴ Years 5 - 8 pupils studying Theatre Studies in Groups of 10 sessions x 1 hour per week - the aim is to give some knowledge of stage craft and technique and increase group awareness in improvisations, mime and acting.
- ⤴ Years 9, 10 & 11 Theatre Studies - the aim is to prepare candidates for appropriate LAMDA exams.

### **Methods and Activities**

#### **Years 2 - 11 Speech & Drama**

- ⤴ Introduce pieces of acting and poetry for group participation.
- ⤴ Use relaxation exercises at start of lessons - also vocal exercises to improve speech and projection.
- ⤴ Select individual exam pieces and prepare candidates according to the requirements of the syllabus
- ⤴ Group activities - small and large groups based on titles for development through mime, improvisation and acting.

### **Performances:**

Pupils will have the opportunity to perform for their parents so that their talent and learning can be appreciated.