



# Sacred Heart School

Service Before Self

## 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

*Academic: Curriculum*

## Speech / Drama / Theatre Studies Policy

This is an extra curricular activity for the Year 2 to 11 pupils who study Speech and Drama, in groups, in 30 sessions of ½ hour per week for each year group. These lessons lead to LAMDA examinations in Speaking of Verse & Prose, Acting & Miming, Improvisation, Reading for Performance and Spoken English. Grades are from Introductory to Medals, based on Group and/or Individual examinations.

### Aims and objectives

- Younger pupils: 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 from the LAMDA syllabus.
- Years 9, 10 & 11 Speech and Drama - 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.

### Monitoring and Review:

Speech and Drama staff/Senior Management on a two year basis.