



Covid-19 Guidelines for September 2020 Opening

These guidelines are subject to change following government advice.

Following the prime ministers update (see below) on the 17th July 2020. The London LAMDA Studio is planning to re-open in September 2020 at Harrow Arts Centre. Our venue at Mill Hill Music will remain closed until all preventative measures can be fulfilled. Lessons will continue online on Mondays. Should there be any changes or updates that prevent us from teaching in person, all lessons will transfer immediately to online via the platform Zoom.

Please see below an outline of the measures we endeavour to put in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19. We have also included up to date information from LAMDA regarding exams.

Prime Ministers Statement 17th July 2020:

“From 1 September:

- schools, nurseries and colleges will open for all children and young people on a full-time basis
- universities are working to reopen as fully as possible

From 1 October, if prevalence remains around or below current levels:

- we will bring back audiences in stadiums, and allow conferences and other business events to recommence in a COVID-19 Secure way

In November, our ambition is to scale back remaining social distancing measures, but this is contingent on a number of factors, including consideration of the specific challenges as we move into winter.”

Current Guidelines to Help Prevent the Spread

We are continuously liaising with our venues to ensure we are doing all we can to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Please see below the measures that will be in place:

1. **Keeping Distance:** The government recommends that you keep two metres away from people as a precaution. We will try to ensure safe distance is kept between teachers and students by placing a clear performance spot for student to stand on when performing.
2. **Avoid being face-to-face:** You can lower the risk of infection if you stay side-to-side. Our plan is to have students face the front of the room whilst our teacher sits to the side of the performance space. This will allow the teacher to still assess students’ facial expressions and overall performance and student can get use to facing the examiners chair.
3. **Keep your hands and face as clean as possible:** We’ll encourage students to wash their hands regularly and ask all students to hand sanitise on entering and leaving the room. Our teacher will also make sure to sanitise regularly and between every lesson.



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4. Keep indoor places well ventilated: Evidence suggests that the virus is less likely to be passed on outdoors and in well-ventilated buildings. We will ensure to open all windows and doors and keep the room as ventilated as possible.
5. Avoid shouting or singing: There is some evidence to suggest that shouting and singing increase the number of respiratory droplets and therefore the risk of transmission between people. We will therefore no longer be tutoring the Musical Theatre syllabus.
6. Keeping activity times short: We have reduced our session length to 30 minutes. This does not impact students' progress in any way as our teachers are used to teaching 30-minute lessons and have developed techniques for teaching the full syllabus in this tighter time span.
7. The London LAMDA Studio will not be teaching any group exam preparation or lessons. Only siblings (living in the same household) will be able to attend during the same time slot.
8. Getting to the venue: We encourage parents to avoid using public transport to get to us. Ideally, they should walk or cycle where possible or use a private vehicle (provided they are only travelling with those from within their household). The same rule applies to our teacher they will also avoid public transport or use a private vehicle.

LAMDA's Update Regarding LAMDA Exams

Remote Online Assessments

LAMDA are now offering learners the opportunity to take exams online. They have developed online assessments to replicate the experience of taking an in-person exam as closely as possible. The exams take place over Zoom but offer the same rigour and opportunities that learners have come to expect from them.

Nearly all exams from Grade 1-8 will be available online from 1st August 2020. This excludes the Musical Theatre syllabus and Group exams.

The London LAMDA Studio have had great success with organising and applying for ROA. With our students confirming that the exams still felt official and beneficial. All students have said that they felt comfortable and prepared performing via this platform.

In-person Assessments

LAMDA are currently still offering in-person assessments via their public centre in central London. They are however yet to confirm any dates past the 30th of August for bookings. We will update parents as soon as more booking dates or further information becomes available.