

BGS Sixth Form Speech and Drama Reflections



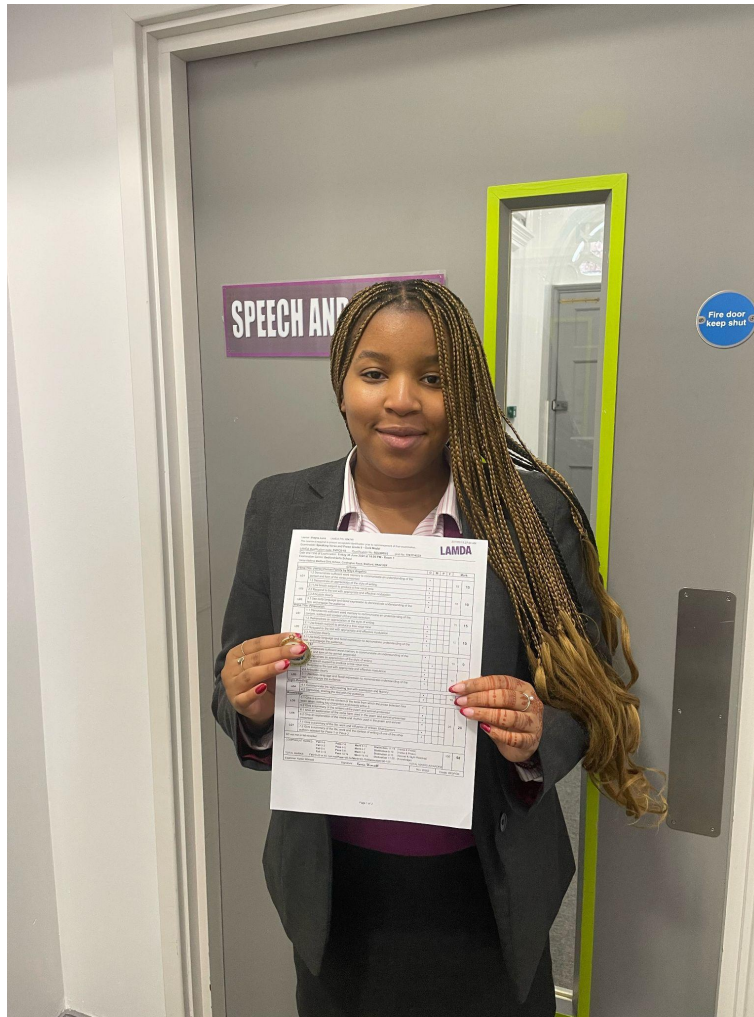
Emily Pinkney (Upper Sixth) - Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 8 - Gold Medal - Distinction

“Attending Speech and Drama lessons has been such a fun experience and has helped me in so many different ways! Not only have these lessons enhanced my communication skills which are so vital for many different reasons in life, but they have also helped boost my self-confidence when performing in front of an audience. I have thoroughly enjoyed working towards my LAMDA grades, and it feels like a fantastic accomplishment to finally finish my Gold Medal (Grade 8) after first starting in Year 3. In the later grades, I found it particularly interesting to learn about how your body produces speech and how we can change our voice to create different tones and moods. Learning about sonnets and poetry techniques has also really helped me in my English lessons over the years. I have so many great memories of performing at the Bedfordshire Festival, and I particularly enjoyed winning the duet reading class with my friend. I encourage everyone to keep doing Speech and Drama if they can because it is so worth it!



Avneet Dhaliwal (Upper Sixth) - Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 8 - Gold Medal – High Merit

“Throughout my Speech and Drama journey I have definitely grown in confidence which has given me many opportunities in my academics and other co-curricular activities such as sports. I have also enjoyed broadening my knowledge on topics I do not study in my A-levels, helping me to become a more well-rounded individual. Participating in Speech and Drama since Year 3 and now completing grade 8 in the Lower Sixth, has taught me the importance of commitment and time management.”



Shayna Juma (Upper Sixth) - Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 8 - Gold Medal - Distinction

“Speech & Drama has been an integral part in my schooling as well as my day-to-day life. Not only has it helped me with my public speaking and confidence, but it’s also helped with my memorisation of texts, and performing under pressure. However, the most important part of it all was that it was fun, especially performing in Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama with my friends. Learning pieces from my favourite books and poems are some of my fondest memories from my time at the school. I’m sad it’s coming to an end but happy to see how it’s gone and where it’s got me. I was lucky to have such a kind teacher who supported me the whole way, and I would definitely recommend that people invest in speech and drama as it’s really beneficial!”



Riddhi Malepati (Upper Sixth) - Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 8 - Gold Medal - Distinction

“My Speech and Drama Studies have helped me gain confidence throughout the years as I participated in different competitions and exams, forcing me out of my comfort zone. It also definitely helped me improve my communication skills, as I now find it easier to communicate more clearly and articulate to others which I know will help me with future events, such as interviews or networking events.”

Congratulations to the students who shared their thoughts, to Payal Juhi Lad who completed a Grade 8 in Reading for Performance with a fantastic recital based around the topic of psychology and Maisie Payne who on joining BGS in Y12 set herself a challenging of completing two LAMDA Grade 8 examinations has successfully completed her Verse & Prose exam is now continuing her journey working towards her Acting exam.