

# **CAMS HILL ACTING ACADEMY**

## ***POLICY & GUIDELINES***

### **AIMS**

- To enhance the personal confidence and dramatic communication skills of members regardless of gender, ethnicity, ability or financial hardship.
- To enable pupils to develop a wider appreciation and experience through dramatic participating in Academy activities.

### **CONTEXT**

The Cams Hill Acting Academy is open to membership application from any children in the greater Fareham area provided they meet the basic standards of behaviour. Cams Hill School pupils do not have priority membership. The Acting Academy has been established in response to a pupil audit and repeated requests from parents to provide an alternative to the costly major market leader in extra curricular drama activities.

Membership fees are paid at the start of each term and provide the Academy's running costs.

### **SESSIONS**

- Sessions will be of 90 minutes duration on a weekly basis in the evening – 7.00pm – 8.30pm
- Academy membership numbers are not expected to exceed 25
- Pupils will participate in whole group, smaller group and solo activities.

### **CHARGES**

- Current membership cost is £45.00 per term. Membership is for a term but Academy members are expected to continue membership for a year or the completion of Academy projects
- Application forms may be downloaded from the School's website ([www.camshill.com](http://www.camshill.com)) or obtained from the School's Main Reception
- Membership application forms and fees must be returned to Pupil Reception, or by post a week prior to the commencement of the term's first calendared session
- Refunds will not be made unless, in exceptional circumstances, there is long-term staff absence
- No sessions will be scheduled during school holidays
- No Fareham child should be disadvantaged through financial hardship. Parents are invited to contact Mrs. Y Brewer confidentially and the School will seek financial support if appropriate.

### **TERMINATION**

Refunds will not be available for parents who terminate membership in the middle of a term.

Members wishing to terminate these arrangements must have their parents do so by writing formally to the Head of Drama, **giving at least half a term's notice.**

### **COMMITMENT OF MEMBERS**

- Academy places are limited and membership requires regular attendance at Academy sessions

- Members are expected to take responsibility for arriving at sessions on time and leaving the school site promptly at the end of sessions – tutors will not supervise members after the session closes
- Session dates and times are clearly displayed in the Cams Hill School calendar [see website]
- It is intended that members have an opportunity to showcase the work they have done and will be expected to learn parts and possibly research personal costume and supporting material in preparation for public performance.

## **EXAMINATIONS**

Currently the Academy is not affiliated to any examining body.

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