

# Mombasa Students Achieve Impressive Pass Rate In The Annual LAMDA Examination

The annual LAMDA exams (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) ended on June 21<sup>st</sup> and once again the Mombasa students achieved an impressive 100 per cent pass rate.

The London based examiner, Mr. Edward Brierley, was full of praise for all the candidates and complimented their teachers Mrs. Jean Hughes and Mrs. Aliya D'Silva for their "much, much higher than average" standards and their obvious dedication.

This year there were a staggering 365 entries ranging from Stage 1 to Gold Medal and 81 per cent of these children gained Distinction which means gaining a mark higher than 80 per cent.

The highest mark of 98 per cent was awarded to Tatyana Bryant, a student from Mombasa Academy, who took her Silver Medal Speaking in Public exam.

In fact all the Speaking in Public results were extraordinary, with every candidate receiving Distinction. Another high achiever was Sahil Patel from Aga Khan who gained 96 per cent at Grade 5, Alisha Varia from Mombasa Academy who gained 93 per cent at Bronze Medal, Alisha Doshi and Shreya Shah from Oshwal academy who both gained 92 per cent at Silver Medal. These Speaking in Public exams are very important and being able to communicate is such a necessary life skill.

The majority of the younger children received Distinctions and Mr. Brierley was particularly impressed with their confident performances and the pleasing use of facial expression.

The Verse and Prose results were also very pleasing with very high marks.

The highest achiever was Ojaswini Pandey from Aga Khan who gained an impressive 96 per cent.

Congratulations also to Aneri Shah from Oshwal Academy who gained a Distinction at Gold Medal.

The students entered for acting exams were also very successful and to be congratulated are Neel Patel and Philine Sanders who both gained Distinction at Gold Medal.

Keshni Majithia and Rani Shah gained Distinction at Silver Medal and in Grade 5 there were marks in the 90's for Shay Lakhani, Rumil Jayasinghe and Mohamed Amersi.

In association with the Coast Arts and Theatre Society, there will be a chance to see some of these young actors and actresses performing their exam pieces on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> at La Veranda at 7.30pm.

Anyone interested in acting should take this opportunity to watch these very talented students.

A final mention goes to Aliya D'Silva who gained a 95 per cent distinction at Gold Medal Verse and Prose.

Mr. Brierley was enchanted with this most sophisticated and well informed and articulate candidate and appreciated that LAMDA will continue to do very well with such an excellent teacher to instruct the students.

Congratulations Mombasa. Congratulations all the Lamda Students and congratulations to Mrs. Jean Hughes and Mrs. D'Silva.