



HELEN O'GRADY  
- DRAMA ACADEMY -

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with fun and lovely memories.

I would like to begin by thanking all of you for attending our wonderful Summer Productions and for the many gifts and cards you sent to us. I and my staff would like to thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

#### Our website

[www.helenogradylondon.co.uk](http://www.helenogradylondon.co.uk)

no longer requires login and so all the information you need for this term is available at the touch of a button. All up to date information including Term Dates, Parents Day presentations, upcoming auditions, Dressing Up days can be found there. We also have a PayPal button for you to pay this term's fees with ease (there is no charge for this method of payment). Please feel free to download a 'Bring a Friend Invitation' if your child wishes to bring a friend for a free trial lesson. Enrolment and re-enrolment forms may also be downloaded, along with T-shirt order forms. If there is anything that you or your child wishes to publish on the website please email me the details and we will include this on a Parent and Child Page.

#### Fees

May we remind you that ALL fees must be paid by the first week of term, unless payment instalment plans have previously been arranged with the Office. If you require an instalment plan please speak to the Principal immediately. All instalments must be paid by Half Term and this is a stipulation of our payment plan, sadly we are no longer in a position to extend credit after the half term break.

Child safety is always a priority at the Academy and I ask parents to ensure that children are dropped off and picked up on time; it is always very upsetting for children to think they have been left behind. Please make sure that you collect your children from inside the drama studio.

We look forward to another magical term.

Best wishes

JUDY ADAMS MSc. (Principal)

Judy trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) leading to 15 years, as a well known actress. Judy was invited by Lord Attenborough to join the RADA Board in 1992. In 1998 Judy began teaching at HOGDA and in 2000 was promoted to Training Supervisor. Judy was made Principal of the SE London Branch in September 2005. Judy's academic career came late in life but Judy is now a Master of Science (MSc). Judy is dedicated to the training of the students in the Academy and is delighted to see the children having lots of fun at class.

### PARENTS DAY PRESENTATIONS

11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010

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| <b>PLUMSTEAD</b>          | <b>SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> Dec</b>  |
| <b>WELLING (MONDAY)</b>   | <b>MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> Dec</b>    |
| <b>CRAYFORD</b>           | <b>TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> Dec</b>   |
| <b>SIDCUP</b>             | <b>WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> Dec</b> |
| <b>DARTFORD</b>           | <b>THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> Dec</b>  |
| <b>BEXLEYHEATH</b>        | <b>FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> Dec</b>    |
| <b>WELLING (SATURDAY)</b> | <b>SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> Dec</b>  |
| <b>END OF TERM 1 -</b>    | <b>18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010</b> |
| <b>START OF TERM 2 -</b>  | <b>10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011</b>  |

### *ABOUT OUR TEACHERS*

#### Laura Curnick (training supervisor)

Laura joined the HOG Academy in 2004 as a teacher, Laura was made training supervisor in 2005. She trained at the Academy of Live and Recording Arts and the Miskin Theatre gaining two diplomas in acting. Laura is a trained teacher in the HOGDA system and teaches at our Sidcup, Dartford, Bexleyheath and Welling (Saturday) studios. Laura uses her many years of experience as a professional actress, director and writer to inspire and tutor the Advanced Youth Theatre students and the standard of acting is a benchmark for the Academy.

#### Francesca White BA (Hons) PGCE

Franky has a first class degree in Drama, Theatre and Performing Arts and Human Social Biology from Roehampton University. Francesca was a Kumon Maths assistant for 4 years and is also a contributor at the Erith Youth & Family Centre. She joined HOGDA in 2005. Franky is a full time drama teacher at a boys school in Biggin Hill and she teaches our Plumstead class at the weekends with fun and vigour.

#### Flair Brocklebank BA (Hons)

Flair is a full time Teaching Assistant at a school in Bromley and she teaches my Crayford Class on a Tuesday. Flair has over 10 years teaching experience and is dedicated to the development of her students. Flair has 2 children, both students of the Academy.

All teachers are CRB enhanced police checked and regularly undergo training in the Academy's unique teaching techniques.