

Little Voices boast national awards, 10 years in business and as their examination board, LAMDA's (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) second biggest customer 2018 is set to be another record year for the growing brand!

Little Voices' founder and Managing Director, Jane Maudsley, started in September 2007 with 12 pupils in two groups of 6 in a small music school venue in Blackburn, Lancashire. They now boast 22 franchisees who operate multiple centres in over 70 locations across the UK.

Excellence has always been the priority at Little Voices and the entire network boasts a 100% pass record in exam results with LAMDA. Several children this year have achieved 100/100 in examinations which is a rare and outstanding achievement. Every child is inspired to be the best that they can be and Little Voices nurtures talent and builds confidence through outstanding tuition of music and drama education.

Children are at the heart of Little Voices and they attend from the tender age of 4 through to 18. It is about building a child's CV from a young age, nurturing them and their abilities in drama and singing. As the groups are incredibly small, individual attention is possible and every child matters. This is critical to a child's vocal and dramatic development but most importantly their life skills.

It is true; if you have confidence then you can achieve! Having confidence leads to success and we are completely committed to facilitating every child's vocal and dramatic learning so that they can be whoever they want to be and achieve and do whatever they want to do!

A child's future will be shaped by how confident they are. Their success will be a result of how confident they are. We strive at Little Voices and always have done to create a positive learning environment that nurtures a child so that they feel happy, safe and secure to share their ideas, their voice, their skills, make new friends and then their confidence starts to increase as they explore and push their boundaries, acquire new skills and excel in their examinations. The examinations are a critical part of what we do at Little Voices as they act as external verification for a child (and the parents and tutors) that they are doing well!!!! It is not just about rushing through the grades and increasing your C.V. from an early age although that is a really positive element of examinations. When we distribute the results from L.A.M.D.A. examinations it is superb to see the children's faces and how proud they are of themselves and each other. It helps them to benchmark themselves and to appreciate that pushing their comfort zone boundaries and going through the examination process was all worth it! Another key life skill!

Jane, founder says "As parents we all want our children to be happy and successful and certainly at Little Voices we share your desires for your child too. At Little Voices we have tried to maintain throughout the organisation the simple values and behaviours that shaped the business from the very beginning, with just a handful of young people training them on alternate weeks in singing and drama. Every child is important every child has something to share; every child can achieve whatever they set their minds too.

We believe in gaining life skills to follow your dreams that each child has something amazing to share we need to inspire children to be the best that they can be. That being positive and happy is the answer as you are never fully dressed without a smile and leaning should be a fun and happy experience.

We are passionate about building confidence and nurturing talent.

It is this passion that we have that has enabled the business to grow I never imagined that we would be a national franchise 10 years on when I started. I just loved seeing a child develop and grow in

themselves. It has never been about finding the next superstar for the West End stage but that has happened as a natural by product of what we do. It has been about giving a child the skills and confidence to achieve success in whatever area they wish to pursue. Our pupils go on to a whole range of careers and they regularly tell us that it was the confidence given to them at Little Voices that enabled them to be successful in their chosen fields of work.

Little Voices franchisees and tutors are carefully recruited, trained and supported in order to maintain high standards across the country.

Over the last 12 months Jane has travelled the length and breadth of the country supporting existing franchisees alongside her Head Office team and meeting potential new franchisees too. She is passionate about helping people to grow a business successfully and mentoring them to that point of success. She is also a passionate advocate of the regulation of children's after school activities and educating parents, schools and teachers to be mindful that this is not a regulated industry and attention needs to be given to checking that someone is who they say they are and are operating safely.

Jane says, " So many parents and schools are unaware that the after school activities industry is an unregulated one and there are so many individuals running sessions without the basics in place insurance, Safeguarding, Health and Safety. I speak to so many teachers and parents that just did not realise and made assumptions! There is no government body overseeing the activity providers, every school has a different policy on providers operating on their premises and it is vastly different from school to school. A church hall or public venue/community location is even less likely to have policies and procedures for the activity providers that hire their venues. Little Voices is a compliant member of the Children's Activity Providers organisation and is a passionate advocate about safety alongside helping a child to reach their full potential in any activity be it sport, music, art or craft."

By sending choosing Little Voices they are choosing an organisation that puts safety, compliance, development, excellence and happiness in one box!