Drama

The Drama Department aims to stimulate and nurture a lifelong interest in theatre and performance work. Students develop a range of skills including those needed for presentation and group awareness.

Drama is taught by a subject specialist in an inspiring studio, conducive to performance work. Pupils have one lesson per week throughout KS3 and can opt for GCSE. Our aim in KS3 is to furnish the pupils with a variety of useful performance skills and an understanding of theatrical styles and genres. Furthermore, we aim to improve confidence, listening skills and communication skills.

Key Stage 3

We focus on the following in each year:

<u>Year 7</u>

An Introduction to Drama Conventions Goodnight Mr Tom Making a Superhero Movie

<u>Year 8</u>

Challenging and directing a scripted text Spontaneous improvisation Physical Theatre

<u>Year 9</u>

Theatre Genres Successful script writing Drama that raises awareness

Our aim is that all lessons are practical; pupils regularly perform in front of each other and learn how to appraise work positively. Through these schemes of leaning pupils have opportunities to work on a number of projects including improvisation, devised work, and performance of scripted plays alongside evaluating live theatre.

The department regularly joins with the Music Department, providing a varied extra-curricular programme. The two departments produce a School Production every year that we encourage our pupils to join. This production allows students to have the opportunity to perform or to work on the technical requirements of the productions and creates life-long memories.



Key Stage 4

Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy:

- expressing yourself in an active and exciting way
- working in a group
- contributing your ideas and taking on-board those of others
- exploring ideas by putting yourself in other people's shoes
- playing many parts in different imaginary situations
- creating your own drama work
- looking at plays written by other people.

.....then our GCSE Drama is the ideal subject for you.

What will I learn?

You will learn:

- how drama is created, including all the acting and staging skills that are needed to put a piece of drama on to the stage
- how to create a character and play this character in a performance
- many skills that are highly valued in any walk of life including teamwork and confidently presenting yourself in public.

What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?

You will have had experience of drama during Key Stage 3. You may also be a member of a drama club. Any of these experiences can help if you choose drama as a GCSE subject. You will develop your improvisation and acting skills to a higher level. You will also look at plays in more detail and at different ways of bringing a script to life on stage. If you are more interested in the technical aspects of drama (for example set design or lighting) you could focus on these for part of the course.



