

Year 7 - 11

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We Value:

In Drama we value effort and enthusiasm for the subject. It is important that the students adopt a 'give it a go' attitude. As they develop their skills in the subject they learn that making mistakes is the best way of learning in Drama.

We offer these Opportunities:

You will have opportunities to explore a range of different themes both inside and outside the classroom. Trips to the theatre are an integral part of the learning experience in Drama, allowing the students to see professional theatre can be exciting and inspiring.

In **Year 7** we allow the students to learn some of the basic skills of acting. We encourage the students to use their imaginations to explore different 'worlds' and create different characters. We take the students to the theatre and they will spend some time learning about the play they go to see.

In **Year 8** we begin to explore the history of drama, developing an understanding of different styles of theatre. Students are able to use the skills they developed in Year 7 and build on them. We take the students to the theatre and they will spend some time learning about the play they go to see.

In **Year 9** the students start to explore different scripts and practitioners of theatre. Year 9 is a real preparation year for the students who wish to continue their study of Drama into their GCSEs. We further develop the performance skills the students will need. We also look at different elements of a theatre production in the first real introduction in to designers and technicians.

In **Year 10** students look at practitioners in more depth and begin to create a devised piece of performance work from a selection of stimulus. We take regular trips to the theatre to aid the students creative and theory work.

In **Year 11** the students complete their final performance work in front of a visiting examiner and complete the written exam.

Our Successes:

We have a very successful school performance most years, some highlights from the back catalogue include 'Little Shop of Horrors' and 'Bugsy Malone'. This is a performance opportunity in which every student is given the chance to take part whether it is on stage or as part of the technical support team back stage. We also have a very close working relationship with 'Bounce Theatre Company' who work with our students on external projects every year. We have strong GCSE results and have many past students going on to study Drama at college and university.