

DRAMA CURRICULUM INTENT STATEMENT

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Definition of the Subject:

"In the theatre and in the classroom drama is a way into knowledge; it opens up new ways of looking at things. Through theatrical metaphor the world we live in is explored". Drama is a practical artistic subject. It is both a learning medium and an art form in its own right. Drama is a shared fiction through which we make sense of the world and our experiences within it.

Nature of Drama:

Popular with students, drama is a practical and academic subject. The collaborative nature of Drama seeks to build interpersonal skills such as leadership and team loyalty, whilst also developing oracy, the ability to analyse and a keen understanding of the form, language and meaning of performance. Visual, aural and kinaesthetic learners can flourish in a positive atmosphere of structure and achievement.

Purpose of Drama:

The skills learned in drama are transferable and are essential in the world of work not just the Performing Arts. It also supports the emotional, mental, intellectual and creative growth of a young person. Students are challenged in a safe environment in which creativity can flourish enabling all students to make excellent progress.

Design of Drama:

The skills that students will develop throughout their KS3 course:

Drama takes a variety of forms ranging from structured (dramatic) play to drama for performance. As an art form, students in drama will have access to a variety of stimuli and will be actively involved through the taking on of roles. They will respond and communicate through the use of language, movement and space and be emotionally engaged with the fictional context. Students will be involved as both participants and audience. Use of the imagination is an integral part of the dramatic experience. Drama is a group activity and as such offers opportunities for developing speaking, listening and problem solving skills as well as enhancing group co-operation, self-discipline and self-esteem: "In drama, teachers and students are engaged in collective enquiry and exploration. Learning is likely to occur through co-operation, interaction and participation."

For students who continue to develop their skill at GCSE level:

Further development and in depth study of the skills learnt in KS3, GCSE Drama is an exciting, inspiring and practical course that promotes involvement in and enjoyment of drama, as performers and designers. Additionally it provides opportunities to attend live theatre performances and to develop skills as informed and thoughtful audience members. GCSE students have the opportunity to become Performing Arts Ambassadors and help run drama events.

A Level Drama

We are proud to offer A Level Drama and Theatre using the WJEC/Eduqas specification. We also offer 6th Form drama students the opportunity to direct aspects of extra-curricular work, lead drama clubs, become performing arts ambassadors, assist lower school lessons and take part in the School Production as either a performer or backstage.

As well as our exciting, creative and engaging curriculum staff offer a range of extra curricula activities from support revision sessions, homework club, theatre trips and workshops we also put on a school production, have a thriving musical theatre group and a variety of drama clubs which are open to year 7-13. All students are more than welcome to join in no matter what their ability or experience. The extra curricular clubs are planned to inspire, build confidence in our students, make new friends across the year groups and above all to be fun. 😊

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