



## **Drama Curriculum Information - GCSE**

As students embark on their Drama GCSE, we thought it would be useful to share an overview of the course.

Students will study the [WJEC Eduqas GCSE in Drama](#).

The course will be taught by myself and I can be contacted at [rhughes@ahs.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:rhughes@ahs.bucks.sch.uk)

### **Content**

The GCSE course comprises of three Components which will be assessed in Year 11

- Component 1: Devising Theatre (NEA) - Autumn term Year 11
- Component 2: Performing from a text (visiting examiner) - Spring term Year 11
- Component 3: Interpreting Theatre (Macbeth and live theatre review - written exam only) - Summer term Year 11

Students spend Year 10 developing their knowledge and understanding as a **director, designer and performer** which will be divided into the following specific skills:

- voice
- movement
- interaction
- set and props
- lighting
- sound
- costume hair and makeup

Year 10 will also see students preparing specifically for the assessed Components which will all include a mock assessment which may be completed in class or as part of the whole school end of year assessment period. Students in Year 10 also take part in two fantastic in-school workshops with visiting practitioners from Frantic Assembly and Kat Mary Productions aimed at consolidating their understanding of two of our key practitioners.

### **Equipment / costs**

Students will be required to purchase the following copy of 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare: Wordsworth Classics - ISBN 9781853260353

Please note this may be a different version to that studied in English. It is important that students have a separate copy of the text for English and Drama as our lesson focus will not be the same.

Students are also encouraged to take part in the two theatre trips that are offered. Component 3 includes a question on 'Live Theatre Review' and this will be one of the productions we see during the course. There is financial support available upon request.

## **Homework**

Homework will be set to consolidate classwork, learn lines or complete exam style questions. It should last up to 40 minutes. Classnotes will be acknowledged periodically and exam style questions will include a numerical score where appropriate.

There should be no requirement for students to rehearse outside of lessons for long periods but they might like a catch up session if there has been absence within their practical group.

## **Co-curricular**

In addition to the trips designed specifically for GCSE candidates, there are other opportunities to get involved in Drama beyond the classroom including:

- House Drama
- Joint School Production
- Summer Showcase

Further information and how the GCSE course forms part of the wider learning journey of students in Drama, can be found here: [Creative Arts\\_ Drama subject content '23.pdf](#)

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