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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Yr 11 GCSE Drama Practical Examination – Important Dates

Dates for the GCSE Drama practical examinations have now been set. The examination will take place over two days: **Wednesday 13th March and Thursday 14th March 2019**.

Full details regarding arrangements for both of the examination days will be finalised with your daughter in due course. For now, I would like you to make them aware that they must be fully prepared for their assessment to take place on either day. Your daughter will perform to an audience of other Year 11 drama students and be assessed by a visiting AQA examiner. As a result of this, the date cannot be moved under any circumstances; should you find a problem with either of the dates, please do contact me immediately. Your daughter may also be providing technical support to other groups in terms of lighting and sound; I strongly recommend that students complete full technical and dress rehearsals in the week before the exam, so that the technical teams are fully prepared to support their performance.

On both dates (Wednesday 13th March and Thursday 14th March 2019) students should arrive at school at the normal time (8.40am) and register with their form tutor as usual. At 9.30am they should register in the Drama Studio and get into costume ready for performances to start at 10.15am. Students should be aware that we may finish a little later than the normal school day (no later than 4.30pm) but this will be confirmed nearer the examination dates.

In the meantime, students should ensure that they take full advantage of the lunchtime and after school rehearsal opportunities that they will have from now until March. Students should sign up for use of the rehearsal space in the usual way using the schedule on the main door of the drama studio.

Mrs Turley and Mrs Bennett are both very much looking forward to seeing these performances which are always a cause for celebration and a way for the students to see just how much progress they have made over the course.

I thank you in advance for your support. To confirm that you have received this letter, please would you click on the following link to complete the survey by **Monday the 11th of February 2019**:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GCSEDramaPracticalExamMarch2019

Yours sincerely

Miss C Roberts Head of Drama