

25th September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 11 GCSE Drama

Welcome to the start of another academic year. The drama department are extremely excited for the Year 11 students to be back in the drama studio. As you are well aware it is a very important year for our students.

It's only week two and we have already started Component Two of the GCSE course.

Component Two is a practical component in which students are assessed on their ability to create and develop ideas to communicate meaning for theatrical performance, apply theatrical skills to realise artistic intentions in live performance, and analyse and evaluate their own work. Component Two constitutes 40% of the GCSE.

For this component, students are required to complete the following two assessment tasks:

- Produce an individual devising log documenting the devising process (marked out of 60)
- Contribute to a final devised duologue or group performance (marked out of 20)

We want each student to receive the best experience possible during the course as well as a brilliant outcome on results day. To achieve this, we would like every drama student to agree to the following contract.

Students are required to:

1. Attend all rehearsals agreed by the group or teacher
2. Agree to work together in the groupings given by the teacher
3. Flag up any issues straight away to the teacher
4. Remember to make rehearsals a priority running up to the assessment in December (this means clubs and jobs might need to be changed or moved if they clash with rehearsals and drama coursework)
5. Remember that component two is 40% of their drama GCSE
6. Meet all deadlines set by the class teacher
7. Be proactive when it comes to developing the piece

The practical performance will be held on the **11th December 2019**.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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