

6th February 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: GCSE Drama Practical Examination – important dates

I am writing to inform you that the GCSE Drama practical examination date has now been set and it will take place over two days – Tuesday 20th March and Wednesday 21st March 2018.

Full details for the arrangements for these days will be finalised with your daughter in due course, however, I would like you to make them aware that they must be prepared for being assessed on either day at this stage and come to school fully prepared with that in mind. Your daughter will perform to an audience of other Year 11 students and be assessed by a visiting AQA Examiner. As a result of this, the date cannot be moved under any circumstances; should there be a problem with it, please do contact me immediately. Your daughter may also be a 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 their technical teams are fully prepared to support their performance.

On Tuesday 20th March, students should register in the main drama studio at 9.30am and get into costume, for a 10.15am start to performances. On Wednesday 21st March, the examiner is starting the day earlier, so students should arrive in the main drama studio at 8.30am prompt, for a 9.00am start to performances. Students should be aware that we may finish a little later than the normal school day (but no later than 4.30pm), but this will be confirmed nearer the time.

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.

I am 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 during the two year course.

I thank you in advance for your support. To confirm that you have received this letter, please can you click on the following link to complete the survey by no later than Friday 16th February 2018:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/yr11GCSEDramaPracticalExamMarch2018>

Yours sincerely



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