

## GCSE DRAMA: CURRICULUM STATEMENT

### Intent

In Drama, we aim to foster an engagement with and appreciation of live theatre. We teach pupils the power of Drama as a way of communicating ideas and evoking emotional responses from an audience

Pupils learn to collaborate with others, think analytically and evaluate effectively. They gain the confidence to pursue their own ideas, reflect and refine their efforts. Pupils emerge with a toolkit of practical, transferable skills, applicable both in further studies and in the workplace

### Implementation

- There is no discrete Drama provision in KS3 but teachers of English as part of their KS3 curriculum provide opportunities for Drama lessons in response to plays, novels and poetry studied
- Pupils have 5 hours of curriculum time across a two-week timetable for GCSE Drama
- Pupils follow the [AQA GCSE Drama](#) course and lessons are mostly focused on acting skills – practical physical and vocal skills in their own performances and the performances of other actors
- Set plays are studied for performance and exam assessment, with regular formative and summative assessment taking place
- A safe and supportive learning environment is fostered, providing pupils with opportunities to give feedback to their peers verbally
- Modelling is used for practical and written work to develop pupils' skills
- Theatre visits have been on hold since Covid restrictions were initially put in place but the exam board continues to allow recordings of plays to be studied for the [Live Theatre](#) section of the written exam

### Impact

- Assessment data is recorded termly on SIMS, in addition to the dedicated department spreadsheet. The data is used to track progress and inform intervention / referral to SENDCO/ testing / contact with HOY and home if there are any concerns
- Whilst GCSE exams were not undertaken by pupils in 2020 and 2021, the department has consistently performed well. This indicates the high expectations demanded for all pupils and the rigour with which they are prepared for the exams
- All GCSE results are included in the DDP and help to inform any departmental targets (refer to [English / Drama DDP](#))