



20 September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: GCSE Drama Revision

In Year 11, students will be completing the three components of the Edexcel GCSE Drama course, having completed a PPE of each in Year 10. Important dates and information are outlined below.

Component 1: Devising 40%

All students have been placed into a group of five to create an original performance on the stimulus; Political Theatre. The practical exam performances will take place during the school day on 19 and 20 November 2018.

Expectations of the students beyond the classroom:

- Complete pages of the coursework booklet for homework.
- Commitment to an hour after school rehearsal time arranged with their group.
- Word processed coursework (1500-2000 words) to be started after the performance. Deadline to be confirmed.

Component 2: Scripted Performance 20%

In January, students will be given two scripted extracts from the same full length, published play text. These two extracts will be a combination of the following; a monologue, a duologue, a group of three and a group of four. The practical performances will take place during the school day in front of an external examiner in the week commencing 18 March 2019.

Expectations of the students beyond the classroom:

- Commitment to one hour after school rehearsal time arranged with their group or duologue partner.
- At least one lunchtime rehearsal with a member of the Drama Department.

Component 3: Written exam 40%

The written exam is 1 hour and 30 minutes and consists of five questions based on the set text; *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller and two questions based on a live theatre performance. The written exam will be on 17 May 2019. Revision sessions will be taking place on a Monday after school from 3.30pm-4.30pm, commencing after October half term. Leading up to the PPEs in December, we will be focussing on *The Crucible* and Theatre Evaluation and how to structure exam answers. In the New Year, revision sessions will focus on feedback from the PPE and will become more targeted at certain questions that students are finding most difficult.

Expectations of the students beyond the classroom:

- Complete own revision by re-reading 'The Crucible' at home and/or watching the 1996 film adaptation with Daniel Day Lewis and Winona Ryder.
- Work through the revision booklet which will be given out after October half term.

Pearson has published their own revision guides which have proven useful to previous students and therefore may be useful for your son or daughter. Details can be found at the link below:

<https://www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk/secondary/Drama/14-16/EdexcelGCSE91DRAMA2016/ISBN/Revision/ReviseEdexcelGCSE2016DramaRevisionGuide.aspx>

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