

# Welcome to Drama



## What will you learn about in Drama?

'To act is to play" within Drama there is a strong focus on cooperation, commitment, confidence and imagination. Students develop empathy, communication and creativity. Through practical exploration they are able to identify key Drama techniques that are the foundation of all types of performance. Students explore a variety of performance styles, scripts and genres including melodrama, Greek theatre, Japanese storytelling and puppetry in year 7 alone. They devise work of their own alongside script work individually, in pairs and in groups and are assessed on the creation (process), performance and evaluation. Students perform the work they create every lesson in some format and are encouraged to evaluate and analyse the success of their own performance and the performances of their peers.

## Why is it so important to study Drama?

Drama is a subject that every student in Key Stage 3 studies but why? The skills learnt in these lessons are skills that students need for life. They are relatable to all careers and we are not just coaching them for a role in the West End or to be a star of stage and screen. Participating in Drama lessons increases self-esteem and confidence provides students with the opportunities to develop their listening, negotiating and communicating skills. Exploring a variety of characters from all walks of life encourages students to be empathetic and kind. Students are provided with a safe space to experiment with emotions, thoughts and feelings which supports their emotional intelligence. They are able to develop their higher order thinking skills such as analysis and evaluation. And above all Drama lessons are fun.

## GCSE Results 2020

Name	Entries	9 - 4 %	9 - 5 %	9 - 7 %
Drama	64	97%	81%	37%

## Department Leadership



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**"I like Drama because it's fun and you get to interact with other people."**

**Evie, year 9**