

Drama

What is our KS3 Vision?

- The drama curriculum area aims to equip students with both the understanding and the appreciation of drama in all its forms. Students will learn how to become enthused by the performances that they are part of, and of the performances that they witness – be it by their peers or professionals. They will also learn the skills and language to be able to express their appreciation well.
- The department wishes to use drama skills to enhance student focus and their ability to be happy and confident with their own strengths, whatever these may be, and also to appreciate the talents of others and use this appreciation to execute efficient and successful teamwork.
- Drama, as a curriculum area, will set high expectations in terms of both independent learning and eventual examination grades.

What is our USP (Unique Selling Point)?

- Be taught in fantastic surroundings be it our wonderful studio or our larger theatre space.
- We have theatrical lighting in both our teaching spaces meaning that your assessment performances will feel truly special.
- Use of video equipment and Googleclassroom means that you can actually SEE your practical work almost instantly and from home - evaluating yourself and looking for strengths and weaknesses in your performance has never been easier!
- Drama is the only subject which actively teaches co-operation, you will rely on others and work as a team in almost every lesson.
- You will learn valuable and indispensable transferrable skills - communication, confidence, public speaking, empathy, co-operation. These skills will stand anyone in good stead for the future work environment - no matter what field you eventually enter.
- You will be assessed not just on performance but also on creating drama and evaluating drama - linking the Yr 7 and 8 curriculum firmly to GCSE and A level drama.
- You will get the chance, in Year 7 and 8, to devise work which - if good enough - may be performed in our Academy church services or Arts celebration evenings.
- You will work with scripts in Yr 7 and Year 8 and get the chance to learn lines and perform.
- You will look at historical time periods and events, religious stories and many other cross-curricular areas through the medium of drama.
- Our teachers are passionate and enthusiastic and also run extended curriculum opportunities for you to be involved in.

What is studied in Key Stage 3?

	Year 7 (assessment focus)	Year 8 (assessment focus)
HT1	Drama Skills (performing)	Alan Aykbourn (creating)
HT2	Lloyd's Leisure Facilities (creating)	Bullying (responding)
HT3	Parables (creating)	Oliver Twist (performing)
HT4	Anne Frank (performing)	Commedia d'ella Arte (creating)
HT5	Starbeast (responding)	Physical Theatre (performing)
HT6	Tension/Hamlet (performing)	Characterisation (performing)