



### GCSE Drama Examinations: Component 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write regarding the forthcoming GCSE Drama examination your child will be taking. This is for their Component 2: Performance from Text, which is worth 20% of their final GCSE grade. Your child's involvement in the examination will involve two days off timetable. One day will be their Dress/Technical rehearsal and the other their actual examination day. On the examination day an external assessor will come into school to examine both classes. The dates of these are below for the two Year 11 classes –

11A – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March Dress/Technical, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March Examination Day

11B – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March Dress/Technical, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Examination Day

On their Dress/Technical rehearsal day, students should come to P101 straight after AM registration at 09:10. Students should wear loose comfortable clothing suited to Drama work, bringing their costume with them. Their costumes will be discussed with each student on an individual basis in advance. On their examination day, students need to be in P101 by 08:50 in costume for the examination to begin at 09:10.

The students will finish at normal school time on their dress/technical day. However, on their examination day, although we will endeavour to finish by 15:30, this cannot be guaranteed due to the nature of the examination being responsive to the time the examiner needs between performances. It is possible that the students will finish between 4-4.30pm. I will ensure that the students communicate with you around 3pm to let you know their estimated finish time.

Additional dates to be aware of are Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April (11B) and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April (11A). On these dates, the students will be completing their 500 words for the Component 3 written examination in exam conditions in school. The students will be given full instructions for the preparation of these sessions significantly in advance.

Thank you in advance for your support over the coming weeks.

The Drama department wishes your child every success in these forthcoming examinations.

Yours faithfully,

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