

19th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: GCSE Drama: Component 1 Examination

We hope you and your family are well at this time.

As part of the Edexcel Drama GCSE course, students are required to complete a practical examination for 'Component 1: Devising from a Stimulus'. This performance is combined with their written Portfolio and together, are worth 40% of their overall GCSE grade.

It is essential that students take part in the practical element of the exam. To best facilitate this, students will attend two full days of GCSE Drama on 27th and 28th November 2025. During this time, students will be expected to rehearse before completing their final recorded performance on Friday 28th November 2025. Attendance is compulsory.

We are asking that students arrive to school wearing plain black clothing on both days, with no labels where possible. They should attend tutor as normal before reporting to the Canon Diamond Theatre at the beginning of Period 1 on both days.

Students understand that they must make up any missed learning time from their scheduled lessons and speak with their subject teachers.

We thank you for your cooperation in ensuring your child's attendance on these days.

Yours faithfully,



Miss H Smith
Head of Drama Faculty



Mrs E O'Connor
Headteacher