

25 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

IMPORTANT GCSE DRAMA INFORMATION

GCSE drama students are currently preparing for their Component 1 Devised exam in lessons. Students are working in groups and will perform a piece of theatre that is based on a stimulus. Students will also complete two pieces of coursework to support this performance. A portfolio which documents the process and an evaluation after the performance has taken place. The entire unit is worth 40% of the GCSE.

KEY DATES:

- Students will have a **mock** practical the **Week of 16th November**
- The final exam is going to take place on **Wednesday 13th January 2021**
- Students will also be off timetable **Tuesday 12th January 2021** to prepare for this exam
- The final deadline for the portfolio and evaluation coursework will be **12th February 2021**
- A targeted written intervention that will help students with mock preparation is running on **Wednesdays 3:50-4:50pm**

Google classroom will be regularly updated with lessons completed in class to support any student working from home. All homework tasks from **25th September** onwards will be revision focused for Section A of the written exam. These will be set on classroom but need to be completed in their book.

Students will be given their lines to learn for the scripted exam (Component 2) over the February half term holiday.

You will be advised of the date of the scripted exam in due course.

To help support your child please ensure that they are doing the following:

- Attending all interventions including any practical rehearsals
- Re-reading *Hard to Swallow* and making notes on each section of the play
- Helping students with lines or portfolio tasks
- Ensuring homework is completed
- Directing students to google classroom for revision tasks

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming exams or general queries about the GCSE, please contact me and I will be more than happy to assist.

Yours faithfully,



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