

Dear parent/ carer

GCSE Drama Assessed Practical Performance – Year 11

I am writing to outline important information relating to the AQA GCSE Drama (8261) **Component 3 – Scripted Performance exam**. This includes the opportunity for you to attend an evening sharing of their work.

As part of your child's GCSE Drama Qualification, they must be assessed by an external AQA Examiner, presenting a performance of a published playscript. This will form 20% of your child's GCSE grade. Your child has now been allocated a script, has identified two extracts for performance and will know their role as either a performer or designer.

Attendance at this examination is **compulsory for all GCSE Drama students**. Students must submit their finalised Statements of Dramatic Intention and ensure they have either learned their lines and are completely off-script or, *in the case of design students*, completed their designs for their chosen extracts/characters.

We have now received confirmation of the examination date for Component 3 (Texts in Practice). This date has been confirmed for **Tuesday 28 March**. A timetable for the day will be published nearer the time and displayed on the Creative Arts noticeboard. Your child's other teachers will also be informed. Any costumes, props, lighting or sound must be arranged with their teacher or sourced independently at least 3 weeks in advance of the examination date.

In addition to the final examination, we will be hosting a Mock Exam performance for students on **Wednesday 15 March from 5pm – 7:30pm in the Drama Studio**. This is an excellent opportunity for students to complete their performance with a supportive, live audience, ensuring they can receive final feedback and guidance from their teacher before the formal examination. Attendance at this event is compulsory for all students. **Students should arrive for this event no later than 4:30pm** but are welcome to stay in school from the end of the day to prepare.

If you would like to attend this event in the Drama Studio, please be aware that due to availability of space, up to **2 guests are permitted per student**. Please **arrive at 4:45pm** via the external fire entrance (which will be signposted) – there will not be a scheduled interval but there will be access to the toilets between performances. You are welcome to bring a drink as unfortunately we are not in a position to provide refreshments

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*Please note: Due to the mature themes explored and explicit language used in some of the texts, this is **only suitable for those over the age of 14**.*

How else can you support your child?

- Run lines with them at home and/or listen to recordings of rehearsals to ensure they are confidently off-script as soon as possible
- Ensure your child knows when their group is rehearsing each week and encourage them to attend fully prepared, with any resources required at ready.
- Encourage them to ask for support from their teacher should they feel anxious or have any concerns about the exam, this can often be resolved with the correct support and guidance.
- If traditional methods are not working, encourage your child to download **line learning apps to their mobile** (for example MyLines - available on Apple and Android),

I am hugely grateful for your support in the matter and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Mock Exam on Wednesday 15 March 2023.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact me via email using abowman@thehambleschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully



Mrs A Bowman
Head of Creative Arts

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.