



Church of England School
Executive Head and CEO: Dr Hilary Macaulay

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Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE Drama – Component 1 Practical Exam

We hope that this letter finds you well. On Thursday 24th and Friday 25th November, GCSE Year 11 Drama students will be taking part in their final practical component 1 exam. This means that students will be off timetable from other lessons both days and will be filmed for their devised pieces in the Drama Barn.

Thursday 24th November will act as a walking talking mock day to prepare the students, and Friday 25th November will be the actual filmed and assessed exam. It is vital that students attend the exam, as this will count towards their final grade. Students have been working hard in groups to create an original piece of theatre, and all members need to be on time and present, to get the work recorded and sent to Edexcel examiners. The work created also helps students to complete questions 5 and 6 of their portfolio, which weighs heavily on this component. The overall component equates to 40% of the final grade.

On Friday 25th, students may attend school in black, practical wear, but must also wear a Blazer and lanyard. Students will need to attend their Muster and Form Time, but then go straight to the Drama Barn for Period 1. Students will be given their usual break and lunch times on this day, but please provide them with extra fluids to keep them hydrated. We expect the exam to be completed by the end of the school day, but we have warned that they may be expected to stay after school if the filming runs over, so transportation home on this day may need to differ.

In preparation for this exam, students have been told that they may have use of the Drama Studios after school from Monday to Thursday, for an additional 1.5 hours. This will need to be booked in advance with me, and I can then let you know in advance that they will be staying at school on this day.

I am extremely proud of how hard the students are working, and I know that you will support me in making sure that they are prepared to achieve the very best in their practical devised exam. I thank you for this support in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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