

Drama and Theatre

Key Stage 3

Pupils in Key Stage 3 are encouraged to feed their imagination and explore their creative potential in Drama lessons. The lessons are held in studio spaces and regular in-house performances offer encouragement and build confidence, as well as developing an exciting community spirit.

Many extracurricular opportunities are on offer including Drama Club, LAMDA acting examinations, House Plays and annual whole school musicals and productions. Theatre trips form another area of enrichment and we have previously visited the West End as well as local theatre venues. Facilities include a studio theatre and a large proscenium arch stage, with a professional lighting rig and sound equipment in both spaces.

“I came to this school because I saw the musical, ‘We Will Rock You’ and it inspired me.”
- Tevini, Year 7



Drama lessons allow pupils to be artistic and creative through various topics, exploring space and body language, the study of physical theatre and political theatre with approaches to modern theatre forms.

Students work from script and analyse characters and staging devices, as well as devising original theatre based around a stimulus. One topic is Verbatim Theatre where students get to experiment and create their own Living Newspaper.



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Key Stage 4

GCSE Drama encourages creativity, with a focus on practical work that develops skills to support progression for further study of Drama and a wide range of other subjects. The set texts require students to articulate how they would perform in certain roles, and design selected scenes.

The experience of live theatre is integral to the course and previous trips include '1984', 'Hedda Gabler', 'Hamlet' and 'The Pitman Painters'. Pupils have also enjoyed workshops at Pineapple Dance Studios and with Frantic Assembly. Students have gone on to study Performing Arts and Musical Theatre at University and Stage Schools including LIPA and Mountview.

“The GCSE course not only presents many opportunities to do practical work, but also allows the students to understand the behind-the-scenes aspects of a production better, such as stage design and management, which proves very interesting.” - Lexi, Year 10



Gold Arts Award

(Sixth Form Elective)

We are pleased to offer the Gold Arts Award in the Sixth Form, as it recognises the widest possible range of arts activity, including drama, music, dance, film, storytelling, visual arts, poetry, journalism, fiction, photography, arts administration and curation.

The Gold Arts Award is a Level 3 Certificate that encourages in depth exploration of a particular art form or arts practice, and how this can be influenced by exploring a new art form. It also encourages reflection on practice, progress and the impact of practical experience on future pathways.



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