

# Drama



## About the Subject

We have a vibrant drama department at St. Wilfrid's which offers a rich and diverse programme. A comprehensive exploration of the works of theatre practitioners (Berkoff, Brecht, Stanislavski and Artaud) encourages students to push boundaries with their performances and to work creatively at an impressive standard.

Extra Opportunities include:

- Drama workshops by professional theatre companies.
- Whole-Academy musicals where the Sixth form students generally take the lead roles.
- Half-termly theatre trips to various theatres around the North West.
- A London trip to watch West End productions and take part in professional workshops.
- The chance to tour exam work to local schools.
- Students are offered extra-curricular rehearsals after school and in the holidays to provide the time that is needed to truly perfect a performance; consequently pupils receive a substantial amount of one-to-one time with their tutor.

- Students are kept up-to-date with arts news via the noticeboard, where teachers share audition information, and via The Stage newspaper, which is delivered weekly.

## Course Content

In Year 12, students will focus on working with plays from the point of view of a director, designer, performer and informed audience member. The qualification is designed to enable students to acquire a knowledge and understanding of the language of drama and theatre as well as to develop their performing and analytical skills.

In Year 13, students devise theatre where students alternate between the roles of playwright, performer, designer and director. They apply their knowledge to create their own work. In performing theatre, students are required to apply their knowledge and skills within the structure of a director's interpretation of a play.

## Entry Requirements

It is desirable for students to have a B grade at GCSE English Language, and practical experience of Drama.

## Career Paths

Many Drama students go on to pursue careers in the Arts. A few of our past students are currently on the Musical Theatre course at the prestigious Bird College in London. Two of our past students are studying at Rare Studios in Liverpool, while others are studying at Russell Group universities. Past students often come back to the Sixth Form to run workshops with our current students.

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