

Performing Arts: Drama



**COURSE LEADER:
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The Pathway



- The pathways for Performing Arts: Drama all demand a lot of you!
- There is practical and written coursework involved from the start and you are examined in both practical and written work.
- The grade you receive at the end of the course will be a GCSE or BTEC and **IS ACCEPTED** at Winstanley College, Saint John Rigby College, Carmel College and Wigan and Leigh as well as the local Performing Arts Specialist colleges –Hammond in Chester and LIPA in Liverpool!

How is it assessed?



- During your practical lessons and workshops your teacher will assess your progress throughout the course.
- As you begin to complete coursework tasks your teacher will mark your work frequently in order that you can improve upon them before you are asked to complete a final task under supervised conditions. This is then sent to the board to be moderated.
- At the end of the course you will perform for an external examiner. There is no formal written exam.

Course Choices



- You will take part in a series of practical workshops with specialist directors, designers, and you will be required to visit the Theatre and our local colleges to give you experience of a range of theatre skills and professional work.
- You will have written work, research and presentations to complete using computers and you will have to meet deadlines in school and for exam boards.
- You must be ready to give up your time after school and for school performance work to gain valuable experience and to prepare work for lessons.

What skills do I need?



- You do not need to have any formal acting training or after school classes.
- You must be willing to perform for an audience, an examiner and for your peers
- You must be willing to work as part of a group.
- You must be willing to share your ideas with other people and perform them for an audience.
- You must attend school regularly-and remain committed to the group.
- You must be willing to write about your work and use computers and research to help you develop.
- You must be a supportive, enthusiastic and motivated character!

What Skills will I Learn and Develop?



- You will develop your acting techniques covered in KS3-facial expressions, body language, using your voice and really becoming and understanding a character.
- You will learn more about method acting skills, physical theatre, forum theatre, performing comedy, performing more mature and topical themes.
- You will explore texts from a range of periods in history using directorial, design and performance viewpoints.

Will it help me into a career in Performing Arts?



- This **NOT just** an acting course- it is designed to introduce you to a range of roles within the theatre you have to be flexible.
- If you are interested in television, radio, theatre, multimedia performance, advertising, journalism, sales, PR (Public Relations), teaching, nursery nursing, play worker and many more...

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What do I do next?



- If you are interested in Drama please speak to Mrs Lipton or Mr Pye.
- Speak to current Year 10 and Year 11 about the work that they are doing.
- Visit A12 – On Friday break times there are coursework examples for you to view and students to chat too.
- Finally try to spend your last few months in Year 9 getting involved in as many Performing Arts activities as you can!