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Dear Parent/Carer of Y11 Drama Students

Component One – December 2017

As you may know your child has been studying the new OCR Drama 9-1 2016-2018 specification and I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a brief outline of the course:

Component 1: A devised performance and a portfolio (30%)

Component 2: A scripted performance of a play (30%)

Component 3: A 90-minute examination where pupils write for 60 minutes on design, directing and acting in a production and 30 minutes on writing about a play that they have seen. (40%)

Whilst there is a high percentage of practical assessment there is also an equally weighted percentage placed on written assessment. This includes a single portfolio assessment, a pro-forma document and a written examination.

This term it is expected that students are prepared for the demands of Component 1 which requires them to create a piece of theatre from a stimulus and write about the process. Outside of the classroom students should be keeping a log of the work that they have undertaken whilst continuing to research theatre styles, their stimulus and their characters.

In order to support your child with the demands of this component I have created and provided the students with a timeline and an outline of activities which also acts as a checklist of requirements for their portfolio. I have also attached further details about component 2 and 3 and key dates.

The proposed practical examination date for component one is Thursday 7th December and it will take place during school hours. The final submission date for the portfolio is 15th December 2017.

Drama is a subject that often requires students to rehearse during a blocked period of time so we have allocated hours outside of the drama timetable for this. However, we will be using hours during the school day for the technical rehearsals and the examination. The rehearsal window outside of school hours that is being offered to the students is every Wednesday and Thursday from 3.15-5.15pm. And the weekend rehearsal dates available to us are Saturday 18th November from 9.00 am to 12 noon and the same for Saturday 25th November.

I hope that you find this information useful in supporting your child during this period. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should require any further information – cseymour@elycollege.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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Subject Leader – Drama

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OCR (9-1) Drama

Component one – Devising Drama: 30% - Internally assessed and externally moderated

The devised practical assessment (20 marks) and the single portfolio assessment (40 marks).

Component Two – Presenting and Performing: 30% - externally assessed

Students are expected to perform two extracts from a published play (40 marks) to a live audience and a visiting examiner. The students are also required to write a pro-forma document detailing their knowledge of character and play (20 marks).

The examination window is from the end of February to mid-March 2018. We will receive confirmation from the exam board at the beginning of February

Component Three – Performance and Response: 40%

The 1 hour 30-minute written examination requires the students study a set text: Blood Brothers (60 marks) and write a theatre review of a live performance that they have watched (20 marks).

The examination will take place on May 18th 2018.