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Dear Parent/Carer

Drama - Component One – June 2018

As you may be aware your child has been studying OCR Drama 9-1 2017-2019 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.

Currently the students are working on Component 1 which requires them to create a piece of theatre from a stimulus and record and evaluate the process. Outside of the classroom students should be keeping a log of their devising process whilst continuing to research theatre styles, their stimulus and their characters. I have enclosed further details about Component 2 and 3.

For the devising unit students will be expected to attend a whole day dress rehearsal date on Friday 22nd June. To avoid disruption to the curriculum and other student commitments, the students will receive individual group time calls for their technical rehearsal and on their exam date. The technical rehearsal date will be Monday 25th June and the practical examination dates for the component will be Wednesday 27th June and Thursday 28th June. During school hours. The final submission date for the portfolio will be September 2018.

Drama is a subject that requires students to rehearse outside of school lesson time and we are providing them with access to the studios at lunch-times and after school for both Component 1 and 2.

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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Drama Subject Leader

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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).

Exam dates: 27th and 28th June 2018

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).

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). Woman in Black is the proposed performance to review for this part of the exam.

This examination will take place in May 2019.