



19th October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Drama 2017-2019

I am sorry I was not available to meet with you at year 11 parents' evening this week, this was due to a theatre trip taking place on the same day. However, I would like to provide you with an update on the current deadlines, exam dates, revision resources and information about the course.

Component 1: A devised performance and a portfolio (30%) - Over the summer months the Drama students were expected to complete the first draft of their devised performance portfolios (worth 20%). Those students that submitted their portfolio work have received invaluable feedback from me and they have since improved their work to a higher standard. Those students who completed the work and those with incomplete first draft portfolios have been given an extended length of time to finalise any/or all areas of their research and evaluation.

The deadline for final submission of Portfolios has been set for Friday 2nd November 2018.

Component 2: A scripted performance of a play and a written report (30%) - Students will be performing extracts from published plays and will be grouped with acting partners/groups. They are expected to complete a written report detailing their research of the play and the playwright's intention. They are also asked to present a detailed account of how they will be performing their extracts. This written report will be submitted to the examiner a week before their exam date. Each group will need to rehearse with their peers outside of lesson time.

The exam date has been requested for the end of February 2019.

Component 3: A 90-minute examination where pupils write for 45/60 minutes on design, directing and acting in a production of the Blood Brothers and Section B: A 30/45 minutes on writing about a play that they have seen (40%) - The written evaluation of a live performance will be 'The Woman in Black' and students will be sitting a mock examination in November to prepare for demands of Section B. Students will be re-introduced to the Blood Brothers play-text in the Winter term.

The written examination date is on Friday 17th May 2019.

Revision resources - CGP The Revision Guide GCSE Drama for the grade 9-1 Course

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zbckjxs>

Gojimo app GCSE Drama.



I do hope that you find this information useful in supporting your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should require any further information
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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Seymour'.

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