

GCSE Drama

OCR J315

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Course Outline for Y11:

In Year 11 students will be completing their second unit of coursework, Drama in the Making and in April they will undertake their two day practical exam, From Concept to Creation. Much of the course is practical, with students needing to rehearse their work as much as possible, but there are also written working records for each unit.

Weightings:

Coursework: 60% (30% has already been completed in Year 10)

Practical Examination: 40%

What students should be doing in order to achieve:

- Ensuring full attendance; if you aren't here it has a serious impact on not only your work but that of your group and it will damage your working relationships.
- Using the drama studio to rehearse at lunchtime or after school.
- Undertaking research to support your devising work for Unit 2 and the exam.
- Keeping your notes up to date during the devising process under the headings; deviser, designer, director or performer.
- Pushing yourself at every opportunity, experiment and try something new.

How parents / carers can help students achieve:

- Ask your child to describe the work that they are undertaking and encourage them to perform their monologue to you as they rehearse. (November)
- Please try to encourage full attendance; absences in our subject impact not just on the individual but the group that they are working in and this increases stress.
- Please ensure that students are well rested during their practical exam period; it is incredibly intense and tiring. The dates are located below.
- Attend the parents' performance for the mock exam on Monday 18th April.
- If possible, encourage students to attend live theatre in their own time.

Support and Interventions available at school:

The drama studio is available every lunchtime and after school for students to organise their groups to rehearse. Just see any of the Drama team to book a slot.

Dates to make a note of:

Tuesday 12th April 2016 – Practical Exam - all day – 11B Mr Grego's Group

Wednesday 13th April 2016 – Practical Exam – all day – 11B Mr Grego's Group

Thursday 14th April 2016 – Practical Exam – all day – 11C Ms Cox's Group

Friday 15th April 2016 – Practical Exam – all day – 11C Ms Cox's Group

Monday 18th April – Parents' Performance / Mock exam 3.45 – 6.00 (approx.)

Wednesday 20th April – p5 and p6 – Written Evaluation under controlled conditions.

The visiting examiner will then choose one of the three following dates for the final performance exam. This usually takes a full morning to see all groups.

Friday 22nd April or Monday 25th April or Tuesday 26th April.

Who I can contact for further advice / help?

Please do not hesitate to contact either Ms Cox or Mr Grego if you have any query or would like additional information or advice. We're here to help.

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