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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Drama

GCSE Drama students will be performing their first practical exam on Wednesday 14th November. This component forms 30% of their GCSE grade and they have been working towards this since September.

This is a public examination and all performances will be recorded for the exam board. It is imperative that the day runs as smoothly as possible so I am taking this opportunity to enlist your support in making sure everything goes to plan.

Students are rehearsing in every lunchtime and after school slot that they can manage. We are opening the Drama studio on Sunday 11th November from 9.30am - 5pm so that students can come in and rehearse, uninterrupted, for a longer period of time. While this is not compulsory, I do recommend that students make the most of this opportunity.

On Wednesday 14th November, GCSE Drama students will be off timetable. They must bring with them 'drama blacks' for performance and any refreshments they may need during the day. We will stop for lunch and break but if a performance should over-run, it may make it difficult to get to the canteen.

Each group will have a technical run-through immediately prior to their performance. In order to accommodate this we will be starting at 8.30am on Wednesday morning. The first group must be in PA3/4 ready for their tech run at 8.30am. All other GCSE Drama students should go to registration as usual, register and come immediately to PA3/4, ready for the first performance. We aim to finish at 4.30pm. Please make sure your child is able to stay until the end of the examination.

Thank you so much for your support. We look forward to meeting with you at Parents' Evening next week.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'D Heale'.

Mrs D Heale

Head of Drama and Performing Arts