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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: GCSE Drama Examined Performance, 22nd November, 7pm

The first GCSE Drama exam, the Devised Performance, will be on **Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm.**

In order for students to have sufficient time to prepare for this exam, after school Drama rehearsals will be held weekly on Wednesdays until 5pm. Their attendance is extremely important so that groups can progress and have additional teacher input. Wednesdays have been chosen as in both Week A and B we have Drama p.6, offering us the chance to extend a lesson and make significant headway each week.

Before the exam itself, all Year 10 and Year 11 Drama students will be 'off timetable' on the dates below. There are six performance groups in this year's class, so it has been organised differently from previous years in order to limit impact on lessons, as well as maximise students' focused teacher time and their time in the performance space. Students will be 'off timetable' on:

EITHER Monday 20th November (three groups) **OR** Tuesday 21st November (three groups)

AND Wednesday 22nd November (all students).

This is in order to fully prepare for the exam, which is worth 40% of their final GCSE Drama grade when combined with the 'devising log' they have been working on alongside their performance. For Year 10s, it is an excellent way for them to understand the process and the exam's requirements before their own devised exam at around the same time next year.

Stage lighting crew will be 'off timetable' for some of the above dates, to be arranged with individuals.

Each group of Year 11s will be assigned Year 10s as tech support: stage setting, prop management, sound cues, etc. As such, we request that Year 10s attend three after school sessions to work with their actors and get to know what is required of them: **Wednesday 1st November, Wednesday 8th November and Wednesday 15th November until 5pm.** If your child cannot make this commitment, we will return them to lessons on the two rehearsal days.

For the rehearsal days of 20th, 21st and 22nd November, students will not need to wear school uniform as the work can be grubby and sweaty! As such, they should dress comfortably and sensibly. Year 10s will need to wear plain black on the evening of the exam, Wednesday 22nd November, as is customary for technical support. They should also bring a water bottle for these days.

All are welcome to attend and support the students; please be in your seats for 6.45pm. The students will have free time from 3.30pm until 6pm, when they will need to attend relaxation and warmup sessions, as well as get into costume and makeup. They will be free to go home in this time, or remain at school.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you on the evening of the exam.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Parsons
Drama Teacher