



## **Drama Department Details**

The Drama Department is an ambitious and creative department. It is our aim to promote learning in a lively and engaging way that combines fun with academic rigor – our Drama lessons place students at the centre of learning thus fostering independence, creativity and the development of skills.

We aim to:

- Provide opportunities for students to engage in the subject area of Drama and in the Performing Arts.
- Empower students to strive to produce the highest standards of performance.
- Equip students with the knowledge, skills and understanding required to excel in both practical and theoretical areas.
- Develop students' awareness of how our subject links to employment.
- Provide links and opportunities for partnership beyond the school environment.

### **KS3**

All students at Fulford study drama in fortnightly, hour-long lessons. At KS3, students explore a range of drama techniques and styles through improvising and working in role; devising, scripting and performing in plays, and discussing and reviewing their own and others' performances. They will develop an awareness of the world of theatre, through focusing on both the performance and technical aspects of the subject – e.g. lighting, set design, props and costume.

### **KS4 (AQA)**

Students who opt to take GCSE Drama can expect a course that is fun, practical, yet also includes strong elements of written and theoretical work. Students will develop their performance skills through practical, workshop-style lessons, as well as taking part in regular public performances. Regular theatre trips form an integral part of the course, in order to develop students' knowledge of performance styles and prepare them for the written Drama paper. Students have the option to choose from a range of technical skills for their controlled assessments, should their interests lie more in the 'backstage' world of theatre. In 2017, students achieved 61% A\*-C.

### **KS5: Advanced Level Drama and Theatre Studies (AQA)**

The A level course aims to extend students' knowledge, skills and understanding by enabling students to apply what they have learned to their own creative work. In 2017, students achieved 100% A\*-C. In devising and performing theatre, as well as studying a range of play texts, students will alternate roles between being playwright, performer, designer and director, demonstrating individual ideas and judgements.

Students will then apply their knowledge of different theatre practitioners, companies and styles to their own performances. Our goal is to enable students to operate more autonomously and confidently within a drama and theatre context.

### **Extra-Curricular**

There are lots of opportunities to get involved in extra-curricular Drama activities at Fulford. As well as regular theatre trips and a KS3 Drama club run by the department, we aim to stage a whole school production every year. Recent productions have included 'Grease' and 'Romeo and Juliet', with the forthcoming production of 'We Will Rock You' taking place in February. We have links with local theatres and universities as well as professional individuals and companies working in the performance industry. Most recently these have included working with the Splendid Theatre Company and Frantic Assembly. We also have many links with the Music department, with both subject areas seeking to aim to promote the Performing Arts in school through various clubs and events.

### **Current List of Department Staff & Responsibilities**

C Windrum	Curriculum Leader
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