

# Drama



Drama is a continuously developing subject at Sir Robert Pattinson Academy. A brand new purpose built studio paves the way for an exciting future filled with resources and facilities for the benefit of all pupils. Learners benefit from highly enthused and passionate staff dedicated to the development of creativity and individuality.





## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Drama is taught by an experienced fully qualified subject leader with experience in professional performance. Since 2012, the subject has grown significantly and as such, we moved into a fully purpose built drama studio.

Our recently built drama studio features a full LED lighting system, integrated sound, WiFi and apple TV as well as a sprung floor for dance and other workshops held regularly throughout the year. There are always new opportunities in drama for cultural development and we are excited for the future of drama and performance at Sir Robert Pattinson Academy.



## CURRICULUM AND QUALIFICATIONS

Our curriculum is available to view on our website for both parents and children so that everyone is clear about the programme of study. We follow a diverse curriculum at key stage 3 which supports those who wish to follow GCSE in key stage 4, as well as a range of other subjects as practical skills and communication are key. At GCSE we follow the AQA GCSE Drama specification and provide a range of non-performance options to support those wishing to pursue other areas within the creative industries.

We have a fully qualified Arts Award advisor in school and can support students wishing to follow this pathway, with a view to offering Arts Award Bronze or Silver for suitable candidates as an extra support for their studies. We can also support other centres.





## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN DRAMA

Students are offered opportunities to get involved in various activities and workshops within drama and often these are designed to support other areas of study. Recently we held joint workshops to support the study of English along with drama which was a great success.

These include but are not exclusive to;

Dance club/ workshops

Theatre visits

Specialist workshops in performance

Open evening performances

Creative arts workshops

Blood Brothers workshop with a professional actor

Q&A with performers / artists

Drama club is open to any students, but gathers most of its strength from year's 7-8, where students get to develop skills otherwise not covered in the lesson. It meets in the drama studio at lunch times and runs from March to July. Recently we began our first dance club in school with a qualified instructor from the Arts NK scheme. This has proved very popular and we hope to continue this through into the next academic year.



### SRPAtoday

Last year we launched SRPAtoday media channel via the school website. The channel features videos starring and edited by students who have a keen interest in journalism as well as school life as a whole. Students of any age can get involved and the group meet regularly to film and report on the news in and around school. Who knows, perhaps we could be developing some talent of the future!







## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Every year we run our whole school production and this opportunity offers a range of student led roles both on and off stage. Along with staff support, students assist with set design, props, lighting, sound, backstage management, support as well as having the chance to appear on stage as part of the performance itself.

Our school productions are highly inclusive with many students taking on lead roles from the lower years. We strongly believe that a production is all about the camaraderie and team skills as well as the final product; so we nurture this from the very beginning. Every year we hold two sets of auditions in the summer and then the new

term to allow as many children as possible the chance to get involved.

We are also very lucky to have amazing relationships with our primary schools and we invite these to join us in the productions on a regular basis. We hold regular visits to the primary schools and students and teacher alike work together to help the successful shows come together. Every year we have over 150 students involved in our school shows, this what some say;

'It feels like one big family, we're all in it together' Harvey, yr10

'it was just amazing!  
The good thing was that everyone was helping everyone else, the older ones helped us get ready so we wouldn't make any mistakes' Luke yr7

'I love the show and I've done every one since year 7!' Ellie yr 10



## SCHOOL VISITS

Each year we offer a visit to London to see a West End production. These visits are open to all pupils and there are opportunities for students from the school show to go to other local productions as well. We have visited Manchester and Lincoln to see some fantastic performances as well.

