



THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Drama is a well-established department which plays a very important role in the school as a whole. Each member of the faculty is an integral part of the team, working together, sharing ideas and developing resources. The ethos of the department one of supportive collaboration, passion, creativity and a shared a sense of humour.

The department consists of five teachers, some of whom work in other departments or have whole school responsibility, plus a performing arts technician. Lessons take place in a purpose-built block with outstanding facilities including dance studio, two drama studios, one with professional lighting rig and a drama office.

Key Stage 3: Years 7 & 8

Dramais taught one a week in years 7 and 8 in mixed ability classes.

Our programme of study and schemes of work are designed to engage students as performers and/or designers building knowledge and skills in preparation for KS4. Formal assessment at Key Stage 3 occurs one per half term in creating, performing/designing and evaluation with self or peer-assessment in each lesson.

The Key Stage 3 curriculum map is available on the school's website.

Key Stage 4: Years 9-11

The department offers three options at KS4: AQA GCSE Drama and BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts covering musical theatre and dance strands. Lessons occur twice weekly in years 9-11. The department offering is popular and we typically have 3-4 classes each year.

The Key Stage 4 specification is available in the Prospectus area on the school's website.

KS5: Years 12 & 13

The department offers two options in the sixth form: AQA A Level Drama and Theatre and BTEC National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts specialising in musical theatre. Lessons are five times a week.

The Key Stage 5 specifications are available in the Prospectus area on the school's website.

ICT

We are fortunate to have well-equipped computing rooms which can be booked for classes, with networked machines. All studios are equipped with whiteboards and projectors.

Learning Resource Centre

The library is staffed by a full-time and a part-time librarian. The librarians are keen to assist us in our drive to encourage students to view reading as a pleasurable as well as informative pastime. It is open until 4pm each day to support students in completing their homework.

Extra-Curricular

The department plays a huge role in the extra-curricular life of the school. The annual whole school musical in February involves students from all year groups as performers, musicians and backstage. This is of a very high standard using professional equipment hired in for the occasion. The department also dance and drama clubs for KS3 students and trips to see professional theatre throughout the year.

Sackville School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS).