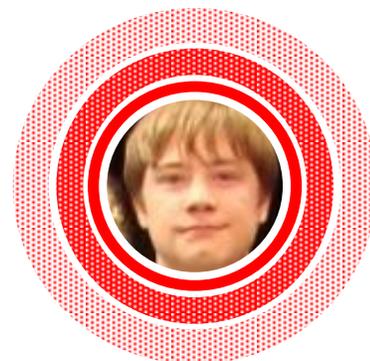


DRAMA NEW INTAKE 2014

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What is drama?

Drama is an approach to learning that helps young people discover the meanings in human interaction.

Drama is one of humankind's oldest art forms dating back to the ancient glory of Greece, the source of Western Civilisation.

Drama is the study of how people relate to people, and how people respond to situations.

Drama is the artistic representation of the tensions arising from human interaction.

What do students learn in drama?

Throughout their 5 years at Redborne School, students will learn:

- ◆ the value of disciplined, focused rehearsal in preparation for delivering a variety of performances, including presentations
- ◆ to choose language appropriate to a situation
- ◆ to speak clearly and in a manner that can be heard and understood
- ◆ to understand movement and gesture and how these elements communicate meaning
- ◆ how to express their own ideas and feelings, and to be tolerant of others
- ◆ how to work together to achieve a common goal
- ◆ how to articulate critical judgements about their own performances and the performances of others
- ◆ to make decisions based on understanding another person's point of view
- ◆ how to interpret script and move from "the page to the stage".



Who teaches drama?

All Redborne, students are taught by a teacher qualified through drama training and practice. At Redborne these teachers are:

Tiffany FRANCIS Adam FRANCIS Michelle HARRISON

Should my child have drama in school?

Students can learn a great deal about themselves through the process of inception, improvisation, rehearsal and performance. They learn to control or develop their confidence, and they learn that they have valid views and ideas that matter. Some students learn to be more humble in their offering of opinions, and other students develop from shy creatures into young people who realise that they have the ability to positively affect an audience. Many students enjoy this feeling of empowerment and, wanting to hone their skills further, choose to take drama to GCSE and A-Level.

The following courses for students exist at Redborne:

- Year 9 Drama- two sessions per fortnight in mixed ability tutor groups
- Years 10/11 GCSE drama - five sessions per fortnight
- Years 12/13 Drama and Theatre Studies A-level - ten sessions per fortnight

Drama achieves outstanding examination results at GCSE, AS and A2.

Sixth Form Provision

A-level Drama and Theatre Studies is not for the faint-hearted! It is a broad-ranging course leading to a 2 paper written examination and a 2 paper practical examination.

The course is split into 2 parts: AS for the Lower Sixth and A2 for the Upper Sixth.

The AS comprises 2 units:

Unit 1 – Written paper – play review and set text

Unit 2 – Practical exam – presentation of an extract from a play

The A2 also comprises 2 units:

Unit 3 – Written paper – 2 set texts

Unit 4 – Practical exam – presentation of devised drama

Extra Curricular Provision

School productions are a regular feature at Redborne, and students of all abilities have an opportunity to take part. These can range from a small group performance at lunchtimes to a full scale musical production. Past productions have included: **Metamorphosis, Amadeus, Bouncers, Shakers, Little Voice, Two, The Rivals, Scott of the Antarctic, Blue Remembered Hills, A Streetcar Named Desire, 4:48 Psychosis, Machinal, Antigone, Find Me, The Shakespeare Show and Our Country's Good. The Government Inspector** and **A Servant to Two Masters** transferred to "The Place" theatre in Bedford for a public run following performances at Redborne. Student directed performances are also becoming a regular feature.

Theatre trips are arranged regularly, with the department taking full advantage of our proximity to London. Year 9 students enjoy a Drama Club which runs each year, and exam performances, in addition to the Drama Festival productions, are a feature of the GCSE and A level calendar.

Are there any jobs in drama or theatre?

Several ex Redborne students have recently qualified as drama teachers and are working locally. Students have also gone on to pursue careers in drama therapy and theatre management, and some are working actors. However, the unique learning that drama and the other arts provide is valuable in many careers. The qualities of imagination, self-confidence, divergent thinking, self-discipline, teamwork, and creative problem-solving that lie at the heart of an arts education experience are always valuable, regardless of career choice.

Should you want to know more about the Drama Department please contact:

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