



BRUTON SCHOOL

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ON SUNNY HILL

DRAMA

Mrs R Hurstwaite

General introduction

GCSE Drama is a practical, engaging and creative subject. One of the merits of this course is that you do not need to be Dame Judi Dench or Kate Winslet to achieve an excellent grade. The course is for anyone with an interest in theatre or anyone who would like to find out more about the way in which the theatre works. It develops imagination, critical thinking and confidence as well as skills such as teamwork and co-operation. A broad spectrum of texts and genres are covered throughout the course and watching a whole range of live theatre productions (from amateur to the West End) is an added bonus.

Summary of course content: The syllabus is split up into two main areas: practical coursework throughout the course and the written exam at the end of the two years.

Practical Element: Candidates have the opportunity to be assessed as either an actor or designer. The performance component is split into two: scripted performance and the creation of devised theatre. The technical-based options include: lighting design, sound design, set design, costume design and puppet design.

Written Paper: The final written examination requires students to discuss their response to a play explored during the course, and also analyse and evaluate a piece of live theatre seen.

How the course is assessed: The practical work is valued at 60% of the final mark and the written exam at 40%. Each practical will be prepared over a period of six to seven weeks. Almost a half of the final 60% is awarded during the preparation period, so candidates are being assessed the whole time.



Patrons: Mrs A Maw, Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset and Lady Gass DCVO

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What students say:

“Drama gave me the ability to speak and express myself with confidence in front of an audience.”

"If you love all aspects of the theatre, then Drama is the course for you. It is demanding but very rewarding and enjoyable.”