

GCSE Drama Component 3: Texts in Practice

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 11 GCSE Drama students are busy preparing for the forthcoming Component 3 exam on **21st March**, so we are writing to keep you informed of their schedule, deadlines and important dates for your diary. Please see the information below:

- This component is worth **20% of the GCSE**. The students must present two performances or designs for assessment to the AQA Examiner on **Thursday 21st March**.
- On **Tuesday 5th March, the performers in 11B (*The 39 Steps* and *The Unravelling*)** have their mock. This will be a technical/dress rehearsal on the stage and an opportunity for them to have feedback from their Teachers. **The costume and set designers in 11D (*Hansel & Gretel* and *Alice*)** will also be off-timetable to complete their work.
- On **Wednesday 6th March, the performers in 11D (*Hansel & Gretel* and *Alice*)** have their mock. This will be a technical/dress rehearsal on the stage and an opportunity for them to have feedback from their Teachers. **The set designers in 11D (*The 39 Steps* and *The Unravelling*)** will also be off-timetable to complete their work.
- All students are expected to attend lunchtime and/or after school rehearsals. The more they attend, the more successful they are likely to be in attaining good marks from the Examiner. Please discuss this with your child and encourage them to take advantage of access to private rehearsal space and extra staff support. They might need a lift home from after school rehearsals. The Theatre is available for rehearsal at **lunchtime every day**, and **students can stay after school until 5.30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**.
- All performers should have learned their lines for both extracts by now. We have given them advice on how to learn them (recording and listening, writing them out, reading and re-reading, etc.), and you can help at home by reminding them and testing them on their lines.
- All designers must complete their final items of costume, set and props along with research, mood boards, sketches, etc. by Tuesday 19th March.
- You are invited to come and see a selection of their performances on the evening of **Wednesday 13th March at 5.00pm**. This is excellent practice for the exam and all students are expected to attend. Students must stay behind after school to rehearse, so please ensure they come prepared with additional food and drink. It will **finish at approximately 7.00pm**. If you would like to attend, please email newman@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk to let us know how many seats you would like.

We look forward to seeing you at the performance on Wednesday 13th March and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Newman & Miss Dundas