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## DRAMA

The Drama Department at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre prides itself on enabling students of all abilities to succeed. Drama is taught as a specialist subject in Years 7, 8 and 9 with all students having two lessons a fortnight.

Drama lessons are always taught in mixed ability groups, including the five lessons a fortnight to deliver the GCSE Drama curriculum.

For those in our Sixth Form we offer the BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in the Performing Arts. We believe Drama develops the confidence and skills of all students by engaging them in imaginative, creative and expressive work.

### Key Stage 3

The focus of Drama at Key Stage 3 is to build key drama skills and an awareness of drama and theatre forms and terminology. Students study a variety of plays, stimuli, genres and techniques in order to offer ways to interpret the dramatic arts and participate in them.

### Key Stage 4

In years 10 and 11 students can opt for the AQA Drama course. It is an exciting, creative and challenging course, and has been designed to help candidates meet those challenges. There is a balance between controlled assessment tasks (60%) and a written examination (40%). Students have two significant practical challenges, and for each can opt to be assessed as either a designer or a performer. For the written examination, which falls at the end of year 11, students study both a set text and a live theatre performance.

### Key Stage 5

In years 12 and 13 students can opt for the BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (The equivalent of 1 A-Level). The vocational course is for learners who are interested in learning about the performing arts sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in performing arts. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels.

### Extra-Curricular Opportunities

The Drama Department encourages students to have a genuine interest in the theatre with a range of visits throughout the year. Theatre trips range from local trips to The Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham, to watching musicals in the West End. The annual whole school production is open to all students. If you love this subject, you will find numerous opportunities to enjoy drama at Newent!

Should you like to receive any additional information on this subject, please contact Mrs M Hood, Head of Department via email [admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk)