



## DRAMA DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER — TERM 1, 2025

### Message from the Department

✨ This term, the Drama Department has been a hub of creativity and collaboration as students prepare for our much-anticipated end-of-term production, Mamma Mia!.

 Key Stage 3 students have been exploring the exciting world of musical theatre, discovering how characterisation, movement, and voice work together with music to tell a story on stage. Through rehearsals and improvisation, learners are developing confidence, stage presence, and teamwork — all vital aspects of performance.

 Our practical workshops have focused on expressive storytelling and performance technique. Students have been stepping into character roles, learning the importance of body language, emotion, and timing in creating believable performances.

 At the IGCSE level, Year 11 students are deep-diving into script analysis of their prescribed materials, examining character motivation, structure, and thematic context. They are also refining their Component 2 practical pieces, ensuring strong interpretive and technical delivery in preparation for final examinations.

 Meanwhile, Year 10 students are exploring Theatre for Development, devising original material that addresses real-life social themes and encourages community dialogue. They are also developing monologues and devised scenes as part of Component 1 of their practical work, focusing on creativity, collaboration, and reflective practice.

 The synergy between Drama and Music this term has been inspiring. Mamma Mia! provides the perfect platform for our students to showcase their talents, confidence, and love for the performing arts — uniting the disciplines in a joyful celebration of storytelling through song and performance.

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