



TDA – Drama LESSON PROCEDURES 2020

At TDA we recognise the importance that the Arts play in the curriculum. Practical Drama lessons are an excellent opportunity to develop not only your acting and performance skills, but to be creative, innovative and bold. They give you the chance to develop skills such as confidence, teamwork, leadership and communication which are vital in any path you choose to follow post 16. We want to continue with these practical lessons, however, due to Covid 19 some changes will need to be implemented in order to keep all students and staff safe. Please read the following rules and procedures carefully.

To begin the 2020 academic year, all year groups are being placed on a 2-week timetable. This means that Drama lessons will occur once every fortnight for a double-lesson. Make sure you check your timetable, and that you know which week's timetable you should be following. For your first few lessons you will be based in a classroom as we make the Theatre and Rehearsal space safe.

Cleaning of the Drama area

- The Drama area (Theatre and Rehearsal Space) will be cleaned following a rota to ensure there is no cross-contamination between year group bubbles.
- Cleaning will take place at break time and lunch time, in addition to the usual morning and after school slots.
- Students will NOT be allowed access to the department during break and lunch time due to cleaning procedures.
- Windows and doors kept open when possible to allow ventilation.

Use of Resources

- For script work all students will be given their own copy which will be named and stored in students books/folders.
- No sharing of/swapping scripts is permitted.
- Any short scripted scenes will be projected for students to read from.
- No props or costumes to be used.

Practical lessons

- Social distancing between staff members and students must be maintained during all drama lessons.
- Warm ups/drama games/exercises will be socially distanced, with no contact games allowed.
- Students will be reminded that when they are rehearsing/performing there is to be NO PHYSICAL CONTACT between them.
- No shouting/chanting/singing during warm ups, rehearsals or performances.
- Students encouraged to rehearse side to side instead of face to face.
- Students will be allocated a group for group work at the start of the term. They will work in this group for all lessons. The space will be divided up to ensure that each group has their own space to work in. Students will not be able to move into another groups space.
- When watching others perform students must form a socially distanced audience and the performers must remain 2 meters from the audience.
- Hand sanitiser will be available during the lesson but must be used at the end of every lesson.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Due to cleaning at lunchtimes, no extracurricular activities will take place during this time.
- We will not begin rehearsing for the whole school musical/showcase until government guidelines allow mixing of bubbles.
- No theatre trips planned until guidelines change – KS4 and 5 to access online performances to answer the Live Theatre Review exam questions.
- No audiences (other year groups/parents) for practical performances/exams.
- We look forward to reintroducing these extra-curricular activities as soon as it is safe to do so.

We all have a responsibility to maintain these safety standards. Only by following the above guidelines can we then concentrate on providing you with high-quality practical Drama lessons that everyone can enjoy.

Thank you for your support,

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