

Drama

Our vision is to provide our students with an inspiring experience of Drama at Carshalton Boys. Our aim is to enable our students to develop their understanding of, participation in and appreciation of Drama and The Performing Arts. We believe in the value of creativity and the need to develop the whole personality alongside young people's imaginations. We encourage our students to think outside the box of their own experience and in the power of Drama in liberating the mind.

We know from experience that the skills developed through Drama are transferable across the whole school curriculum. Alongside the study of play texts students are given the opportunity to express themselves and their opinions of the world in a positive way through issue based Drama. Students communicate and collaborate and develop their skills in research, analytical thinking and evaluation. We believe in the value of Drama as a means to develop both self-confidence and emotional intelligence in young people.

Our Curriculum

At Key Stage 3 our boys embark on a 5 Year Learning Journey in Drama. Boys study Drama for one hour a fortnight. Our teaching at Key Stage 3 focuses on three components: Understanding Drama, Devising Drama and Texts in Practice. Students study Drama from different genres, including Naturalism, Epic Theatre, Physical Theatre and Melodrama. In Y8 students are also given the opportunity to study Dance.

At Key Stage 4 students can opt to study GCSE Drama. The course develops students' performance skills while developing their subject specific knowledge. Students devise drama and explore texts practically, working on two text-based performances. The course combines coursework, practical examinations and an externally set written exam.

At Key Stage 5 students can choose to study A Level Drama and Theatre. The course is a combination of coursework, practical examinations and an externally set exam. Students study play texts from a range of social, cultural and historical contexts alongside influential theatre practitioners.

Enrichment and Extracurricular Activities

We believe that the performance work we create in school should mirror that of contemporary theatre makers. Students from each key stage are encouraged to take part in school productions which combine elements of Drama, Dance, Music and Media. Throughout the academic year students are provided with opportunities to access live theatre and industry standard theatre workshops. Drama plays an important role in the whole school community and regularly features in assemblies and awards evenings. Students are also provided with opportunities in extracurricular Dance.

Awards

The Drama Department was pivotal in the school being reaccredited the Artsmark Gold Award.

Destinations

Since 2013 four students have been awarded places at The Brit School. In September 2013, three students opted to study Drama at University.

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