



"Tell me and I will forget, show me and I will remember. Involve me and I will understand."

Aristotle

"We must create young people who are adaptive and creative enough to respond to as yet undreamt of situations."

Ken Robinson

At King James's School the Drama department has a team of devoted and passionate staff. Our curriculum aims to promote pupils' individual self-confidence, encourages acceptance of others and enhances creativity and communication skills. Pupils are frequently required to speculate about the nature of a character, problem or mystery before them. Thus, pupils are presented with solution focused learning and the importance of humanity. The learning journey enables pupils to experience and explore a wide range of practitioners, styles and techniques.

We examine historical and contemporary theatre including the innovative approaches taken by current and new theatre companies. Knowledge of technical theatre and an appreciation of live theatre is also embedded within the different Key Stages. This diverse and culturally rich curriculum spirals so that key skills and techniques are regularly re-visited and knowledge is therefore deepened.

We pride ourselves on striking a balance between being able to create and plan for practical and academic study within our curriculum whilst also being able to challenge our individual students with a range of extra-curricular opportunities. These include; year group drama clubs, technical theatre club, House Drama and the annual school production.

YEAR 7

- Beginning Drama
- Creating characters
- Storytelling & Physical Theatre
- Script Skills
- Devising Skills

YEAR 8

- Greek Theatre & Masks
- Medieval & Commedia
- Elizabethan & Today
- Victorian & Mime
- Contemporary scripts

YEAR 9

- Improvisation & Storytelling
- Physical Theatre & Non-Naturalism
- Naturalism & Film/TV
- Devised Theatre Companies
- Scripted Theatre Companies

KEY STAGE 4

- GCSE Drama – AQA syllabus
- BTEC Performing Arts Tech Award

KEY STAGE 5

- A Level Drama & Theatre Studies
- Level 3 BTEC Performing Arts Diploma