



"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, encourage acceptance of others and enhance creativity, collaboration and communication skills whilst developing a rigorous understanding of Drama and Theatre. Pupils are allowed to experience a wide range of styles, practices, techniques and approaches to theatre and are encouraged to develop their own opinions and styles – we aim to develop young practitioners within the subject.

We examine the history of theatre and contemporary work including the innovative approaches taken by current and new theatre companies in the industry. Knowledge and appreciation of technical and live theatre is developed throughout the different Key Stages. This varied and 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 - Stagecraft
- Creating characters
  - Storytelling
  - Script Skills
- Devising Skills

#### YEAR 8

- Greek Theatre & Masks
- Medieval & Commedia dell'Arte
- Elizabethan & Shakespeare
- Victorian & Mime/Silent Movies
- Contemporary scripts
- Issue-Based Devising

#### YEAR 9

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

#### KEY STAGE 4

- GCSE Drama – AQA
- Level 1 and 2 BTEC Performing Arts Tech Award

#### KEY STAGE 5

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