



DRAMA in Year 9

Lent 2015

“The production Bane was a stroke of genius, with no props except for the human body; we were captivated throughout”. [Year 9 pupil]

All boys have a Drama lesson in Year 9, taught as a form throughout the year. They learn practical performance skills as well as techniques associated with production design. All boys are expected to be competent in basic stagecraft as well as have a sound grasp of performance analysis.

Theatre Studies is a popular choice for boys at A Level.

Many boys take LAMDA courses with specialist teachers, and there are fantastic opportunities for boys to develop their interest in the theatre through joint productions with JAGS, Middle School House Drama, theatre trips, and occasional workshops with visiting Theatre professionals.

Within the last twelve months Middle School boys have been involved, as actors and technicians, in an ensemble production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* set in the kaleidoscopic Woodstock era, a promenade production of *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, performed throughout the Barry Buildings, and, most recently, alongside Upper School boys in a production of Brecht's *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*.

The College also holds the world's most important collection of papers relating to the Jacobean Theatre.

