



## **DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES at KS4**

Lent 2015

### **Theatre Studies (non-examined subject)**

**Although Drama is currently not offered at GCSE, we do give the opportunity for all boys in Year 10 & 11 to maintain contact with the Drama Department throughout their time in the Middle School**

Every pupil in Year 10 and 11 has the opportunity to take place in the Middle School House Drama Competition (which usually takes place in the Lent term). Boys have the opportunity to perform, direct or hone their technical skills under the expert eye of Drama staff and visiting specialists. Houses produce ensemble plays and boys are guided both in the choice of material and the performance style. We aim to encourage diversity of style and offer development of individual skill through the rehearsal process and performance.

Many boys opt to take LAMDA classes with our team of visiting specialists, developing acting and communication skills.

For gifted and talented boys there is also the opportunity to audition for the Middle School production – directed to the highest standards – often in collaboration with pupils from Year 10 and 11 at JAGS.

Throughout their time in the Middle School we aim to extend opportunity by offering the occasional theatre trip as well as workshops with visiting theatre professionals. There will also be the opportunity (in collaboration with the English department) to take part in the National Theatre New Views playwriting project. Boys are invited to a variety of productions at the National Theatre and also work alongside a professional writer to hone and develop characterisations and narrative

Boys are encouraged to grasp some of the basics of stagecraft and specialist terminology, as well as the language of theatre in preparation for the choice that many will make to study Theatre Studies at AS.

