



Dear Parents,

It's been another very busy but productive week in the Arts Department. This week my focus is looking at Drama.

In Drama we have recently completed set tests across Years 7, 8 and 9 and I am pleased to say that the students have performed well. Year 7 students have now moved on to a hunted ghost story, "The Woman in Black", and they are exploring how they can create different forms of tension. Year 8 have moved away from Greece and towards Italy and students are exploring the Italian movement Commedia Dell Arte. Year 9 students have learnt the different acting styles and move towards the style Melodrama and Musical Theatre exploring plays like "Sweeney Todd".

IGCSE students have been working very hard creating their examined performance pieces for November and December. Year 10 have chosen the Shakespearean text Twelfth Night and have decided to modernise it using the Physical Theatre style, while Year 11 have written their own Absurdist texts about the seven deadly sins. Keep your eyes open for dates and times.

Of course, we have been working on the acting for the upcoming show Beauty and the Beast. All students have grasped their characters very well and we are progressing at high speed. We have now sourced both the costumes and stage, and will look at building before the Christmas holidays. I have been very pleased with the amount of effort that has been put in by all students involved.

Just a reminder that next Monday is the spotlight on Music event and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. Andrea Lee arrives on Sunday night ready for her two days here at NAIS Pudong. As well as being at the event on Monday evening, she will also be in some lessons on both Monday and Tuesday, so we hope that those who are involved in those lessons will enjoy the experience.

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