



Dear Parents,

As the weather turns more festive and we approach all of the Christmas events taking place, my focus this week is in the Drama department.

We come to the end of an eventful term in Drama and students have collectively explored various strands of the arts. As you may have noticed, Year 7 has been looking rather bleak, maybe even deathly; that's because the students have been exploring the use of make-up and experimenting with the effect that this can have on their characters.

Year 8 has been working hard on improvisations and Pantomime, creating a scene from the famous English play Punch & Judy.

Year 9 has been exploring the blood and guts of the play Sweeney Todd and they are now polishing the final touches to their pieces. IGCSE students have been preparing their final performance pieces for their exams and will be getting them ready for a showcase in January. It is great to see the amazing talent in this school as they explore the different strands of theatre craft.

In Beauty and the Beast, we have done the first big run through of Act 1 with the pit band. This is the first time putting things together and now we have the skeleton of this Act from where the pupils can expand their characters and performance. All did fantastically well and most of them managed to remember their blocking!

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Christmas music events.

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