

## **Drama**

In Key Stage 3, students enjoy one Drama lesson per week in a well-equipped drama studio. The schemes of work are mainly skills based and therefore students benefit from the freedom to vary the lessons, according to the strengths and interests of each class.

From the beginning, we develop social skills, communication and confidence, these being the foundation for further work exploring themes and issues of a widely varied nature. In Years 8 and 9, students experiment with dramatic techniques, such as physical theatre and chorus work, extending their range of dramatic tools. By the end of the Key Stage, students will be equipped with all the relevant knowledge they will need to take the subject further at GCSE level.

The current GCSE course is split between practical work and a written examination. Students will be writing material, as well as performing pre-existing plays. The examination is a mixture of interpretation and opinion on Theatre.

Drama activities take place outside of lesson time, for instance in clubs or 'pop-up theatre'. Recent school productions have included 'Les Misérables', 'Black Comedy', 'Lady Windermere's Fan', 'Macbeth', 'Little Shop of Horrors' and 'Goodbye Cruel World'.

We have also introduced the 'Parmiter's Fringe', which showcases student work to the entire school. Overall, there will be many opportunities for students to get involved in Drama throughout their time here at Parmiter's.