

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

The Drama department is staffed by five teachers, including two subject specialists. Lessons are taught in two drama studios; the primary studio is equipped with sound and lighting equipment and the space can be manipulated to create one large performance space.

The subject is relatively new to Wellington with first teaching beginning in September 2016; however, it has quickly grown into a popular subject, generating quick success. In 2018, the first GCSE cohort achieved 100% grade 5 and above, 22% at grade 7 and above. At Key Stage 4, students have five lessons over a two week 50 period timetable and qualifications in GCSE Drama and Technical Award in Performing Arts are available to students to select through the school's options process.

At Key Stage 3 each group receives two one-hour periods of Drama per fortnight. A range of stimulus is utilised to develop pupils' devising, performance and evaluation skills. Assessment points are built into the year to track progress and inform intervention.

The Department offers a range of clubs and societies which extend the learning experience. The Wellington Youth Theatre is popular with pupils across the key stages and Oscars is a further opportunity for pupils to develop their talents via an audition and selection process. Recently, both groups were involved the school's inaugural Shakespearean production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

In summary, the Drama department is a thriving one which achieves excellent results in terms of student progress. In view of this, the Governors seek to appoint an outstanding, creative and innovative subject leader and teacher with the energy, drive and enthusiasm to continue to build upon and develop standards of achievement within the department.