

# Lawnswood School

## Drama Department



To enter a theatre for a performance is to be inducted into a magical space, to be ushered into the sacred arena of the imagination.

*SIMON CALLOW, Charles Dickens and the Great Theatre of the World*

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*At a glance.....*



## Key Stage 3

Lawnswood School students receive a broad, thorough and creative drama education in order to develop you theatre makers. They are encouraged to participate in enrichment activities to further their understanding and enjoyment and develop creative lifelong habits and hobbies. During KS3, students are taught for one hour a week and will cover a wide variety of theatrical genres through the disciplines of devising, acting, designing, performance and watching and appraisal, which develop a bank of key skills that have a positive impact across the curriculum.

In Year 7, students the following units:

- Wild About Lawnswood—responding to a stimulus through movement
- Darkwood manor—developing suspense and tension through performance and writing
- Silent Movies—comedy, slapstick and mime
- Radio Plays—playing with foley, sound and voice
- A Midsummer Night's Dream—developing Shakespeare skills

Skills introduced in Year 7 are further developed during Year 8 and Year 9 through the study and exploration of different musical style and genres.

## Key Stage 4

The foundations of KS3 form a strong platform for study at GCSE. The course consists of three units that cover:

- Devising for theatre
- Acting for theatre
- Appraising and understanding theatre

## A skill for life

In an ever increasingly competitive job market, the skills of public speaking, problem solving and teamwork are critical. Drama in schools develops a foundation of skills that nurture and build confidence, empathy and an ability to collaborate.

Drama at Lawnswood School gives students the opportunity to socialise with learners of all ages, develop positive relationships with role models and represent the school publicly. Students have the platform to explore social issues creatively and play out real life scenarios in a safe space. The schemes of work are designed to not only build skills and knowledge but to offer the opportunity to develop a deep social, moral and ethical understanding.



Like all the arts, **Drama** allows students to communicate with and understand others in new ways. ... **Drama** is an important tool for preparing students to live and work in a world that is increasingly **TEAM-ORIENTED** rather than hierarchical. **Drama** also helps students develop **TOLERANCE** and **EMPATHY**

## Extracurricular

In order to enrich your child's theatrical experiences, we strongly encourage all students to participate in extracurricular activities. Many of the activities are supported by students, thereby developing their leadership skills. We also run various theatre trips as well as inviting theatre companies into school throughout the year.

Activities include:

- KS3 Drama Club
- Lawnswood School annual show (To be announced soon!)
- Winter Festival
- Year 9 showcase
- Year 7 and 8 Showcase

Concerts are held regularly throughout the year enabling all students to showcase their Talents in conjunction with the Music Department.

