

Drama & Theatre Studies at Edgbarrow school

Drama - Years 7-9

Drama at Key Stage 3 should fulfil artistic, intellectual and social needs and our curriculum aims to cover all three. At Edgbarrow, students will study specific units of work in these areas and they will also have the opportunity to explore a plethora of different skills, topics and texts. The work covered in KS3 also works to prepare students who go on to take Drama at GCSE and A Level.

Drama - Years 10-11

Skills covered at Key Stage Three continue to be developed throughout the GCSE course, while following the AQA GCSE syllabus. 60% of the GCSE is coursework and 40% is written examination. Students work to create both a devised and scripted performance. Theatre trips run throughout the two years and it is a requirement for the examination, that students see two pieces of theatre that they can write about. Seeing live theatre is also an excellent opportunity to increase practical experience and understanding of the subject.

A-Level

Students work to create both devised and scripted performances during the course. Two texts, one practitioner and one style of theatre are studied and students experience a wide range of live theatre, through a range of trips.

Co-Curricular

In Year 7 and 8, there is the opportunity to get involved in Drama Club. This is run as a co-curricular activity and gives an opportunity for those interested in the subject, to expand and explore their talents. A Tech Club is run once a week by our Performing Arts Technician and allows students to explore what it is like backstage and all the elements that are needed to put on a production.

Production

Productions are an exciting yearly event and performed at the end of the Christmas term. All students from Year 7 to 13 are invited to take part and can contribute in many different ways! From performing, to sound and lighting, backstage crew, hair, make-up and choreography, the production is a real whole school event!

This Year's school production is the musical, 'We Will Rock You'. We have students from all year groups involved, contributing as both performers, as well as a dedicated backstage team, who learn the technical skills and knowledge to run a production. Performances will run for three nights on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December 2021 from 7pm.

