

DRAMA AT OPEN ACADEMY

Our school vision **“Courage in every step, faith in every journey”**

Students will discover the power of performance to communicate ideas, emotions and lived experience. Throughout their time at Open Academy, students will develop their creative voice, physical confidence and collaborative skills through a range of dramatic styles, forms and traditions. They will build the courage to step into the spotlight and the empathy to inhabit perspectives beyond their own.

RESPECT	ASPIRATION	PERSEVERANCE
Students will show respect for a wide range of theatrical traditions, genres and practitioners. They will learn to give and receive constructive feedback as both performers and audience members, valuing the contribution of every voice in the rehearsal room.	Students will be inspired by professional theatre, live performance and practitioners from across the creative industries to set high standards for their own work. They will develop the ambition to communicate meaningfully through performance and pursue their creative passions both within and beyond the classroom.	Students will approach character development, script analysis and devised performance with determination, understanding that great performance is the product of patient rehearsal and honest reflection. They will learn to manage nerves, refine their craft and see challenges as essential steps on the journey to confident, compelling performance.
SPIRITUALITY	GLOBAL CITIZENS	AWE AND WONDER
Drama invites students to explore the inner lives of characters and the big questions of what it means to be human — asking ‘Why does this character make this choice?’, ‘How does this story reflect the world we live in?’ and ‘What truth does this scene reveal?’ Spirituality is nurtured through giving students a safe space to explore emotion, belief and the human condition through the power of story.	Students will encounter theatre and performance traditions from across the globe, exploring how different cultures use dramatic art to tell their stories, challenge injustice and celebrate shared humanity. Drama develops empathy and cultural understanding, enabling students to engage meaningfully with diverse perspectives and the role of the performing arts in shaping society.	Witnessing or creating a powerful piece of theatre — a compelling monologue, a physical ensemble or a fully realised production — ignites a profound sense of what human creativity can achieve. Visits to professional productions, practitioner workshops and our own school performances give students the opportunity to experience the transformative, electric power of live performance.