



FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Re: GCSE Drama examined performance from a script, Wednesday 7th March

I have had confirmation from our AQA examiner that the scripted performance, the second of three parts of assessment in GCSE Drama, will be on **Wednesday 7th March**.

As was necessary with the devised performance, all Year 11 Drama students will be 'off timetable' on the dates below. There are six performance groups, so the groups have been split across the days, as before, to limit the impact on other lessons.

Monday 5th March: *Too Much Punch for Judy, A Doll's House, Equus*

Tuesday 6th March: *An Inspector Calls, The 39 Steps, Of Mice and Men*

Wednesday 7th March: ALL students – exam day (all day)

For the rehearsal days of 5th and 6th March, students will not need to wear school uniform but should dress appropriately; comfortably and sensibly. They should also bring a water bottle for these days. For the exam date of 7th March, students should come to school in their uniform and can change into any costume they may have when at school. It is possible that your child may not have arranged a costume; there is no exam requirement for costume, though generally students are more confident if they have some items of set and costume to support their performance.

No after school rehearsals have been formally arranged due to pressures on students from across the curriculum. Nevertheless, I have offered my support to them on any lunchtime and after school session that groups wish to arrange. Individuals can let me know what they need and on what days, and I will do my best to accommodate them. Some groups may also choose to meet in half term.

Historically, I have invited parents to watch the exam. However, under the new specification, this exam has gone from being under two hours to an entire day. I therefore cannot advise on exact timings for individual groups, and could not permit audience members (students included) to enter or leave the exam room. However, there is a requirement to film the exam and it may be possible to give a copy to you, provided students and parents from that performance group consent.

Finally, I ask that you assist your child with learning their lines; they must be off-script by our return after half term, at the very latest. All students were given their scripts before Christmas so they are familiar with them; often it is a case of confidence to put the script down!

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Parsons
Drama Teacher