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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Drama Exam Guidance Letter**

Your young person will be undertaking their GCSE Drama Practical Exam on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. They will need to come to College in their costume and go straight to their Drama room, where they will be based for the day.

The day will start with a reminder of exam conditions and expectations. At this point:

- Students will be expected to turn off and hand in their mobile phones
- No smart watches will be permissible in the exam room (drama studio)
- No eating will be permitted in the room during the examiner's stay, which covers the entire exam period. If, in the unlikely event, the exam runs through lunch, additional time will be provided afterwards.
- Students should bring a clear plastic water bottle in order to stay hydrated during the day.

Students will have an hour dedicated to rehearsal and warm-up before the formal examination begins.

During the exam, all students are expected to watch their peers perform in complete silence, except for appropriate audience reactions such as laughing at comedy moments or applauding at the end of a performance.

**Any disruption of a performance is a breach of exam conditions and could not only lead to malpractice of this exam but of a candidate's other GCSE exams.**

Once the exam performances have started, students will not be able to leave the room until the examiner has left. They will have the opportunity to use the toilet during break time before the exam begins. We expect the full examination to last approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Additionally, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March I am offering students the chance to rehearse and prepare their performance space after school till 6pm. **Please complete the consent form on Edulink to give your consent if you would like your child to attend.**

Students should bring a snack and a drink to practice. They also need to bring their costumes so we can check how they look under the stage lights.

If you have any questions, please message me on Edulink.

Kind Regards,

Miss A Wallis  
Drama Teacher

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