

Woking High School: Vision Statement – Drama Department

Drama contributes as a subject at WHS in the following ways:

Academic Development:

- Theatre Knowledge (Live Theatre Analysis / Performance Skills Development / Exploration of Play Texts / Development of Devising Techniques / Creation of Original Theatre / Exploration of Theatre History & Genre)
- Career Preparation – Understanding of skills required for Careers in the Performing Arts.
- Improvement of Literacy Skills:
 - ✓ Textual Analysis
 - ✓ Essay Writing (forming an argument)
 - ✓ Learning and Spelling of Subject Specific Terminology

Development of the Whole Person

- Enrichment/Understanding of Human Emotion
- Development of Life (Social) Skills
 - ✓ Communication
 - ✓ Leadership
 - ✓ Confidence
 - ✓ Independent Learning
 - ✓ Analytical Skills
 - ✓ Intelligence
 - ✓ Creative Thinking
 - ✓ Understanding of human emotion
 - ✓ Collaboration and Cooperation

Appreciation of the Arts

- Enrichment of the soul
- Live artistic experiences can be enriching in a way that may not be achieved through a textbook (spiritually / emotionally / socially / politically).

Study of Drama matters...

“Theatre should ennoble the mind and uplift the spirit” – Konstantin Stanislavski

On a personal level:

- It contributes to the whole person (Life Skills / Personal Enrichment)
- It prompts creativity
- It inspires talent
- It provides a sense of escapism
- It provides an opportunity to make sense of the world
- It can promote tolerance and understanding of the wider world
- It aids individuals in developing personal opinions (Political / Social)

To the Performing Arts Industry:

- The Film Industry is massively important to the British economy. The study of Drama matters because it prepares students for involvement in a thriving industry.

Drama helps young people achieve because:

Every Child Matters:

- Every child has a talent. Performance is one area in which an individual can experience success, whether it be through excellence in performance/production, or developing confidence.

Skills learnt in Drama are applicable to all Careers

- Communication
- Leadership
- Confidence
- Independent Learning
- Literacy / Analytical Skills
- Intelligence
- Creative Thinking
- Understanding of human emotion
- Collaboration and Cooperation.