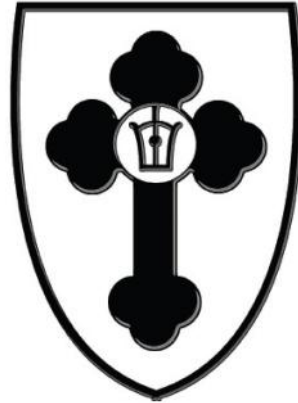


# DRAMA

**WILLIAM BROOKES  
SCHOOL**



**Drama**

**Parents' Drama Guide  
2009 - 2010**



## MAIN AIMS

The Department aims to create a culture where a full range of drama activity is regularly available to our students and the local community. Our arts centre ~ 'The Edge' ~ is a key component in this, giving us enhanced facilities for...

## SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS

By targeting different year groups we ensure that, by the time students finish their compulsory education with us, they have had several opportunities to take a major part in a school production. Additional to these we have occasional whole school productions, two Sixth Form productions that derive from our Theatre Studies course, a Sixth Form pantomime and a musical. Past productions have included Les Miserables, Sweeney Todd, The Hired Man and more recently The Boyfriend.



### DRAMA STAFF:

Susie Newell	Head of Drama
Alison Vermee	Directory of The Edge Arts Centre
Robert Petty	Drama Teacher



## VISITING THEATRE COMPANIES

William Brookes is now a regular venue for touring theatre companies. National Touring companies like Pentabus and Rogue Theatre bring all their productions to us for public performances.

We also have visits from a range of other companies, including Birmingham Rep and Kneehigh Theatre Company.

## THEATRE TRIPS

To complement the curriculum we make frequent visits to many theatres in the region, depending on their programmes.

## WORKSHOPS

Visits by touring theatre companies often include a daytime workshop for our students.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The Edge Arts Centre offers three after school drama clubs: junior drama sessions for Years 3—5; one for Years 6—8 and a separate senior group for Years 9+.

## CURRICULUM

Drama is taught to all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to give them the experience that helps them to decide whether or not to choose it as a GCSE option. It is also part of the English curriculum throughout KS3.

Drama GCSE has become one of the most popular option choices in the school, with one student in four choosing it. We follow a largely practical syllabus, assessed by coursework (including two written evaluations by the students) and a practical exam.

Our A level Theatre Studies course is now well established. It combines practical work with set text study, and is a popular complement to English Literature and Art.

Pick up a programme for The Edge Arts Centre's new season, highlights of which include:

- Monday night cinema
- Regular jazz
- Professional dance and music
- Our Sixth Form Pantomime
- A Musical



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