

# **Hanham Woods Academy Drama Curriculum Statement**

## **Aspire**

We raise the aspirations and ambition of our students by:

- Delivering a varied curriculum enabling students to gain the relevant knowledge, understanding and skills needed to be a playwright, an actor, a lighting designer, a sound technician, a stage manager and a director.
- Helping students to develop and explore their creativity and a spirit of imagination.
- Organising powerful extracurricular opportunities including showcases, performances, productions, performing arts, trips, outside speakers and lunchtime lectures.

## **Believe**

Our students develop confidence and resilience through:

- Understanding the world around them through creative exploration, for instance working with a range of issue-based stimuli such as bullying.
- Celebrating success and progress through showcasing students' work in performance evenings, assemblies and for the wider community.
- Awareness of how to create engaging pieces of drama through carefully selecting appropriate conventions, staging, technical and design elements.

## **Inspire**

We create awe and wonder in and out of the classroom by:

- Promoting creativity through performance.
- Organising powerful leadership opportunities so they can be an inspiration to others, for instance being assistant directors for the academy production.
- Studying inspirational theatre and playwrights, including Stanislavski, Brecht, Artaud, Shakespeare and Willy Russell.

## **Achieve**

We help students achieve highly at KS3, KS4 and beyond by:

- Helping them to be more confident with working in teams, presentations, performances, public speaking and oracy.
- Preparing them thoroughly for their written and practical examinations