



## GCSE Drama

### The Exams:

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#### **Unit 1:** Devising and Portfolio (40% of the GCSE)

This unit is completed in Y10. There is some coursework to be finished during the first term of Y11.

#### **Unit 2:** Practical Performance with visiting Examiner (20% of the GCSE)

Practical exam March 2020.

We suggest to try and have lines from the script learnt as early as possible to improve the chance of a better performance grade.

#### **Unit 3:** Written Exam (May 2020) Live theatre review and Exam questions on the play text 'Hard to Swallow' by Mark Wheeler. (40% of the GCSE).

Revision resources outlined below in order to prepare for the exam. The performance that the students will be seeing is 'A Monster Calls' on Thursday 12th March. Students will write about this performance in their exam. Attendance to this performance is crucial.

### How can you Help?

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You can help students by going over their lines with them for unit 2. As it is a scripted unit, it is important that students are 'off script' as soon as possible in order to develop their acting techniques and so they have freedom of movement in rehearsals.

In order to help them to prepare for unit 3 ask students to be tested on key words from the drama glossary in the Hard to Swallow revision guide that they have been given, making sure they know their different rehearsal techniques, types of staging and dramatic devices.

If possible, encourage them to watch as much live theatre as possible, this will help them generate ideas for the Hard to Swallow paper and this will also help them when writing about their live theatre performance in the final exam.

Students will be attending a live performance of Hard to Swallow by T.i.E Productions on 5th March 2020 during the school day. Please ensure that students are in school for this.