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Dear Parent/Guardian

As the new academic year is upon us, I would like to give you an outline of what year 11 will look like for your child in Drama and the deadlines which they will need to meet.

Last year your child completed 10% of their GCSE course with their Devising Drama practical assessment. At the end of last term all students were expected to submit their **Devising Drama portfolio or essay**. This written document equates to 20% of their final GCSE grade. As we are keen to ensure the portfolio is the best it can be, I would ask that if your child hasn't already done so, these are handed in by **Friday 15th September**. This will allow your child's teachers to provide feedback and gain an accurate understanding of their current level of performance in the subject.

Your child will complete a **practice Drama written paper** as part of the practice exams which commence the **week beginning 30th October**. The two areas of focus for the exam are "Blood Brothers" and "Things I Know To Be True".

Midway through this term, your child will be provided with their **Presenting & Performing Texts scripts**. These will need to be learnt before rehearsals begin after the practice exams in November. This exam will be booked in for the **week beginning 12th February 2024**. This suggested timeframe will need to be approved by OCR and we will confirm the exact dates as soon as we are able to. To support students with their preparation for this practical exam, we will hold a Showcase Evening on 18th January 2024.

In summary, the key dates for year 11 Drama students below:

- 15th September - Any outstanding Devising Drama portfolios or essays to be submitted
- 18th January 2024 - Presenting & Performing Text Showcase Evening
- February 2024 (exact date TBC) - Presenting and Performing Texts exam
- May 2024 (exact date TBC) - GCSE Drama Written Paper

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on r.duncombe@wildern.org.

Many thanks in advance for your support,

Robert Duncombe
Subject Learning Coordinator - Drama

