

What our students say about studying Drama

"I chose to study Drama as I had previously studied the subject at Pate's and instantly fell in love with the atmosphere. It was a safe space and one where I could express myself freely."

"Drama provides a nice contrast to my other subjects - It enables me to get up and moving creatively which is sometimes impossible in any other classes. It also builds confidence and communication abilities. The writing side of Drama benefits me in other writing subjects as I build up my essay writing skills set and time management."

"Outside of lessons I know I can go to the Drama department with any question or query that I might have be it subject related or personal. The department is truly brilliant when it comes to pastoral care and I would be nowhere if it was not for the department's support."

"The smaller class sizes mean that as a group we have formed such a strong bond due to the theatre we have created together and that makes Drama lessons the highlight of my day, I believe this is truly unique to Pate's. It has given me a sense of belonging and a place to feel at home."

"I would highly recommend studying Drama at Pate's because of the content that we are able to explore and approach in such a creative and open-minded fashion. I enjoy the creative freedom it gives me and the chance to take risks without anything seeming silly."

"The content is delivered in a thoughtful and structured way combining theory with practical projects that channel our creativity. When studying our set texts, we discuss what themes it focuses on and what styles would suit it well and then spend most of the lesson devising how we would perform it as a group and practically doing it, using the resources and space creatively. This diversity of learning means we are constantly excited to enter lessons as it always feels different!"

"The facilities in the school are excellent, I have never felt unable to accomplish what I want with the staging, lighting and props available in the department."

"Pate's has a unique ability to bring the best out of every student by creating an approach to learning that is effective and meticulous whilst remaining fun and committed to keep student's health and wellbeing in good shape. The Drama department is no different and so effectively teaches one of the most important subjects in school curriculum in an exciting way."

"I am aiming to work in the theatre and so of course this subject is highly linked to that. It is important to say however that whilst performing and acting is my goal right now, this may change over time to any role within the theatre including directing, stage and lighting designing or journalism. A Level Drama at Pate's has provided me with skills that can be applied to all elements of the theatre."

"In the future I hope to study history and politics and drama has helped me in my confidence with public speaking and debating."

“I would recommend studying drama at Pate’s because I’ve always been an advocate of studying what you love doing because then you are more likely to enjoy studying.”