



February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Component 1 Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) Update

The Drama Department has been working with Year 10 GCSE Drama students to prepare them for their Component 1 NEA performances. Since September, students have been creating a performance piece based on a stimulus chosen by each group. Students are required to develop a performance that clearly aligns with the intentions of their chosen stimulus.

The assessment will take place during the school day on **either Wednesday 25 February or Thursday 26 February**. The performance dates for each group are outlined below.

Wednesday 25 February

- *Boys Don't Cry*
- *Mirror Mirror on the Wall*
- *Joan of Arc*

Thursday 26 February

- *The Butterfly Effect*
- *Tower of Lies*
- *Under the Lens*

Students have been advised to come to school in their school uniform and arrive promptly to C030 at the start of the school day where they will be registered. They will be given time to change in to costumes as needed.

All students have also been given the opportunity to perform to the VIBE Drama Club after school on **Wednesday 11 February, 3:15–4:15pm**. The groups who have chosen to take part are:

- *Boys Don't Cry*
- *Mirror Mirror on the Wall*
- *Joan of Arc*
- *Tower of Lies*

Please do encourage your child to make the most of rehearsal opportunities over the coming weeks, as this component makes up **40% of their GCSE grade** (10% practical assessment and 30% written assessment).

Yours sincerely

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