



South Hampstead

*High School*

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# Sixth Form Drama Scholarship

Candidates are to perform two contrasting monologues (contrasting in style, genre or period). Each piece is to be memorised and last two minutes. One monologue is set by the school, and will be provided in advance. The other monologue is the candidate's free choice. Please bring a copy of the free choice monologue to the audition. Should candidates prefer to perform in costume/part costume, or to bring props, they are welcome to do so, but this is by no means compulsory. Set/furniture is available to use. If candidates require something specific, please enquire in advance as to whether it can be provided.

Each candidate will have a 15 minute interview with the Head of the Department. There may also be an external adjudicator present. During this interview they may be asked to perform a short piece of spontaneous improvisation. Candidates are welcome to bring a portfolio of past work, certificates of achievement etc. with them to the interview.

We will be looking for an excellent standard in performance. This will include exceptional vocal dexterity and a natural ability to physically inhabit a character. An exceptional appreciation and understanding of how drama communicates through live performance will be apparent through conversation and the written word.

A developed sense of creativity and a deep appreciation and passion for the subject must be evident. Also the ability to work empathetically and to discuss and debate constructively with others is important as Drama is not a solitary subject.

Applicants for the Drama Scholarship should currently be studying Drama GCSE and are required to study Drama & Theatre Studies A Level for the full two year course. Any fee remission and scholarship status will be lost if the student gives up Drama & Theatre Studies A Level. This is because it is very difficult to be a Drama Scholar without studying Drama & Theatre Studies A Level. **If students want to be assessed as a designer instead of a performer, they should indicate their preference when applying.**

Other benefits of being a Drama Scholar include 1:1 drama coaching, a Scholars' performance, a Scholars' theatre trip and membership of South Hampstead Theatre Company, which culminates in a trip to the Edinburgh Fringe where they will perform a production for one week. Students who are awarded a Drama Scholarship will be expected to help the department at events. Drama scholars are also expected to participate in the Independent Play, performed in Year 12, which provides the students with sole responsibility to choose and stage a play of their choice, culminating in a three-night run in the school's Theatre.

Drama Scholarships are awarded on merit, without reference to family income. Fee remissions may be awarded to deserving candidates. On occasion the school may award Honorary Scholarships without fee remissions but with all other benefits outlined in this document.

The Drama Scholarship Application Form, together with a reference, should be submitted online by the 16+ application deadline. Auditions will take place in November.