

# DRAMA DEPARTMENT

## TOP TIPS

for becoming a successful Post 16 DRAMA student



- 1 Watch TV and film acting, which has achieved critical acclaim. Share with your class mates and those around you. Read reviews in broadsheet newspapers and online to explore the wider subject.
- 2 Explore the Threshold Concepts for Drama.
- 3 Watch YouTube videos particularly focussed on your key practitioners: Brecht, Artaud & Stanislavsky
- 4 Read critical essays about the history and theory of Drama. Look online. Use the reading list on the Post 16 website. Take notes on what you read.
- 5 Set yourself challenging devising tasks that extend your practice and push you outside your comfort zone.
- 6 Go to the theatre and live performances regularly. They don't have to be exclusively about your A-level Drama Work. Think critically about what you hear and see. Read the reviews; write a short review of your own.
- 7 Explore Drama books in the school library and in the department. Ask your teachers for recommended reading.
- 8 Spend time in the Drama Studios, crafting and improving your monologues and audition pieces. Record yourself. Play it back. Improve.
- 9 Learn how to use the lighting desk and sound system in the studio. Ask for help if you need it.
- 10 Review and refine the evidence you have presented in your own writing. Re-write essays acting on feedback. Hone your analytical skills and learn to write fluently and accurately about the set scripts and drama practitioners.