**Homework in Years 7, 8 and 9 – Chesterton Drama**

There is no formal homework set in drama/performing arts at key stage three. Having said that, there are two formal assessments during the course of each year, that students should prepare for both inside and – to varying extents - outside of lesson. These are:

**For year 7:** ‘A Celebration Gone Wrong’ – group devised drama to be performed towards the end of the autumn term; ‘The Big Speech’ – an original speech to be performed early into the summer term.

**For year 8:** ‘A Tense Scene’ – duologues from published plays to be performed towards the end of the autumn term; ‘PantoFest’ – group devised pantomimes to be performed mid summer term.

**For year 9:** ‘YoHo’ – class rap and solo monologues to be performed at the end of the autumn term/beginning of Easter term; ‘I Have A Dream’ - famous, historical speeches performed early into the summer term.

We recommend that in addition to the lesson time, students independently spend 30 to 90 minutes at home getting ready for their assessment performance. We will encourage students to rehearse independently (eg. learn their lines) and consider their ideas and plans between lessons (or ‘workshops’ as we call them).

If we are able to support with rehearsal space at lunch time or after school, we will supervise and facilitate this. There is, however, no compulsory obligation to complete work outside of lesson and a student should still feel confident enough to perform or present an assessment without spending lots of extra time on it.

Aside from the curriculum work, we do recommend students joining an extra-curricular drama club! Details of what’s in rehearsal for Chesterton Youth Theatre and when the clubs occur are published separately.

The most important thing is to keep practising the kind of warm-up exercises undertaken in class, so that performance skills can keep developing. We also encourage that you read around the topics studied, and teachers will provide suggestions for texts or articles upon request.

Information can be found on Sway links posted on Teams for each class. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or queries, please email smarston@ccc.tela.org.uk