

Year 9 Drama Award

Audition Guidelines

Selection for a Drama Award is by a practical audition which will take place in the Black Box. Appropriate clothing should be worn to allow easy movement. The whole process will take approximately two hours, depending on the number of applicants.

Dramatic Performance

Warm Up/Improvisation

Applicants will be welcomed by King's Ely Senior's Director of Drama and Theatre and will then participate in a group workshop in which they will warm up together and be given a group improvisation to work on, led by the Director in Residence. Their creativity and their ability to collaborate with others successfully will be assessed.

Solo performance

Applicants must perform a speech from a published play which offers scope for expressive use of voice, movement and characterisation. The speech must come from a published text. The solo piece should last no longer than 3 minutes and should be performed without costume. Applicants will perform their piece to the other applicants and an external adjudicator. Unmarked copies of the performance monologue along with the name of the playwright and play should be brought along to the interview day.

Interview

Applicants offering a dramatic performance will be asked about the performance they have given, previous performances and their ambitions in this area, in a formal interview with the external adjudicator.

Selection

Drama Awards are available for candidates who show a love of theatre, also the potential and the will to become accomplished performers, and technicians, while being supportive members of a team. Award holders will be expected to dedicate time to extra-curricular productions. They will also be likely to pursue the subject at GCSE and A Level respectively.