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Dear Parent/Carers of STUDENT FULLNAME

Important Dates for Year 10 GCSE Drama Students

In order to support our GCSE Drama students in Year 10, please see on the second page a list of important dates for your calendars. We kindly request that students attend as many of the dates below as possible – some will be mandatory as these will be technical runs and performances that are recorded and forwarded to the exam board. If a row is in **bold**, students will need to attend these sessions to support them in attaining their GCSE.

Included within these dates is our students' real Component 1 performance at the end of the school year. Students' performances will be recorded, assessed and have their marks forwarded to the exam board. It is imperative that we have all students available for this assessment as Component 1 makes up 40% of the Drama GCSE. We kindly request that any holidays or trips which may take students out of school for this period avoid performance dates. Please contact me if you have any questions or queries regarding this.

It is also recommended that Year 10 students attend at least one 'Tech Run' or final performance of a Year 11 class's Component 1 and Component 2. This will be extremely useful for them to be inspired by excellent pieces of theatre from those a year older than them. Also included are some additional dates of A-Level performances that students may wish to attend, particularly if they are interested in studying Theatre Studies at Post-16.

Thank you for all your support with our Year 10s and their Drama GCSE. If you have any questions or queries, please contact me via Reception (reception@penistone-gs.uk) and ask for me to get back in touch.

Kind regards,

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Date	Time	Purpose	Additional Info
Wed 6 th Nov	4:30pm-5pm	Year 13 A-Level Component 1 Performance	Contains swearing and scenes that may intimidate some audience members
Mon 25 th Nov	3pm-5pm	Year 11 (Class 11A) Component 1 Tech Run	Some performances include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swearing • Adult humour • Upsetting scenes • Themes of abuse, self-harm, suicide, mental health, drugs, neglect, alcohol abuse.
Thu 28 th Nov	3pm-5pm	Year 11 (Class 11B) Component 1 Tech Run	
Mon 2 nd Dec	4pm-6pm	Year 11 (Class 11A) Real Component 1 Performance	
Thu 5 th Dec	4pm-6pm	Year 11 (Class 11B) Real Component 1 Performance	
Thu 19th Dec	3pm-5:30pm	Year 10 GCSE Component 1 Mock Performance	Parents/Carers Invited.
*Mon 3 rd Feb	4pm-6pm	Year 11 (Class 11A) Component 2 Tech Run	May contain swearing and scenes that are of an upsetting nature. Themes include mental health, peer pressure and being a young carer.
*Thu 6 th Feb	4pm-6pm	Year 11 (Class 11B) Component 2 Tech Run	
*Fri 14 th Feb	TBC	Year 13 A-Level Component 2 Tech Run	More information to be provided closer to performance date.
Mon 17 th Mar	In Lesson	Year 10 GCSE Component 2 Tech Run	
Thu 20 th Mar			
Fri 21st Mar	4pm-6pm	Year 10 GCSE Component 2 Mock Performance	Parents/Carers invited.
Thu 10th Jul	3pm-6pm	Year 10 GCSE Real Component 1 Tech Run	
Mon 14th Jul	4pm-6:30pm	Year 10 GCSE Real Component 1 Performance	Parents/Carers invited.

***Dates marked with an asterisk are awaiting confirmation from the exam board and are subject to change. Parents/carers will be updated if there are any changes to the above schedule.**