

## Drama – Statement of Intent

All children have dramatic skills and the right to learn drama. Drama develops a student's identity, a sense of belonging and their character through creating, rehearsing, and performing theatre. Through the Oasis Academy Drama curriculum, students will grow into adults who enjoy, appreciate, and engage with drama/theatre their entire lives.

The Drama department, here at Oasis Oldham, is about creating a community of chances and choices which allow all students to achieve. We believe everyone deserves the same opportunities and many of our students haven't studied Drama before secondary education. We start by teaching all students the basic skills and formal elements so all students can access the curriculum regardless of their prior knowledge.

### Drama teaches:

- Communication – active listening, oral communication, written communication, assertive communication, and non-verbal communication.
- Evaluating and reflecting on practice – self-direction, accountability, continuous learning, constructive thinking and being observant.
- Relationship-building skills – teamwork, trust, intercultural sensitivity, service orientation, self-presentation, social influence, conflict resolution and negotiation.
- Collaborative problem solving – establishing and maintaining shared understanding, establishing, and maintaining team organisation.
- Beyond the classroom - the Drama department offers extensive extra-curricular opportunities across all Key Stages. We are currently working towards a whole school musical. Theatre visits are also an important part of our subject.



### We value character, competence, and community in our curriculum:

- **Character:** Engaging all pupils in drama learning that develops creativity, resilience and the confidence to express feelings and thoughts, experiment with new dramatic ideas and grow imaginations.
- **Competence:** Developing pupils' ability to create drama well so that drama outcomes are excellent, and aspirations are raised. Ensuring that all are equipped to study drama further if they choose it.
- **Community:** Inspiring all pupils to develop a lifelong love and appreciation of dramatic styles and traditions; ensuring all experience the power of drama to include and draw people together, helping them understand others and facilitate positive connections.