

## SUMMER TASKS – GCSE TO AS TRANSITION

**Subject: AS Drama**

**Title: Heroes and Villains**

**Task(s):**

Hello! And a big warm welcome to your AS Drama course.

We're really looking forward to meeting you all.

On part of the course, we're going to be looking at Heroes and Villains - that should be fun...

You'll find that in AS Drama we look at plays and performance practically, so you're often exploring them as an actor, or a director. It's like learning about plays and practitioners from the inside, putting things on their feet and making your own creative discoveries. You'll also learn more about how to discuss performance, both writing and speaking about it in class.

And on the way you get plenty of chances to express yourself, learn new skills, make good friends and try new things.

We've got a couple of activities here for you to start you thinking about performance.

**1**

Make a list of four or five heroes and villains, some of them from plays, some of them from films you've maybe seen.

What do the actors do to show they are heroes or villains?

How do they talk, relate to other characters?

Thinking of yourself as an actor – and you often will during this course -

Which character would you like to play most, a hero or a villain? Why?

**2 Writing about performance**

Now – I'd like you to think about a play or any live theatre performance you've seen, and write a short piece telling us about it.

Was it good and effective? Or were there things that could have been better? It would be good to hear your reasons for what you say.

You can talk about :

The actors, the direction, the set and stage, the costumes, music.

The language of the play, the action.

**How long should I spend on this?** As long as you wish but answer fully

**How will I get feedback?** email reply and discussion in Sept

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