Key Stage 4 Options 2021

GCSE Drama

So, why choose drama?

1. It develops speech, communication and presentation skills.
2. It develops critical thinking, problem solving and decision making skills
3. It prepares and helps young people to deal with life's problems
4. It develops concentration, focus and resilience
5. It develops emotional intelligence and empathy
6. It develops leadership and team skills
7. It increases the capacity for patience, planning ahead and delayed gratification
8. It broadens minds and helps young people understand the world around them
9. It empowers young people to stand out from the crowd
10. IT BUILDS REAL CONFIDENCE

The 3 areas of the course:

- Performance
- Directing
- Design

The 3 areas of assessment

- Component 1 - Devised performance with portfolio (40%)
- Component 2 - Script performance exam (20%)
- Component 3 - Script and Play Review written exam (40%)

What can I expect in the written exam?

Section A

i.Explain 2 ways to use vocal skills in the extract. (4)

ii.Make 3 suggestions of how you would use performance skills to show character objective. (6)

iii.Discuss 1 of the production elements you would use to bring extract to life and relate it to context. (9)

iv.Discuss staging an objective for an actor within the extract and in relation to the whole play. (12)

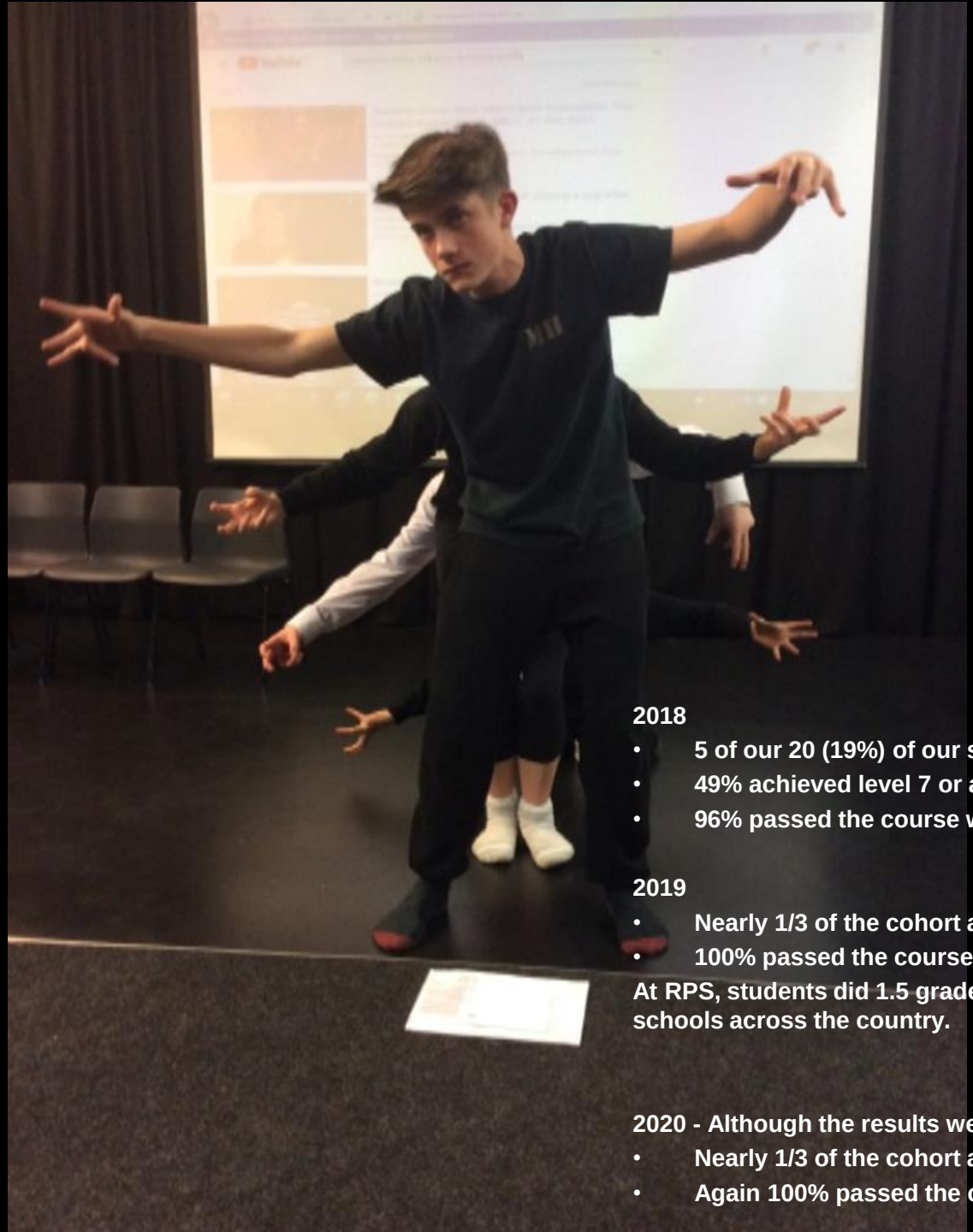
v.What design element would you use to enhance the extract, how and why?(14)

Section B - Live Performance review (500 words in note form)

i.Analyse how stage space was used to engage the audience during the opening moments of the performance. (6)

ii.Evaluate how colour was used in the lighting to create impact. (9)

Drama GCSE cohort results so far…



2018

- **5 of our 20 (19%) of our students achieved level 9.**
- **49% achieved level 7 or above.**
- **96% passed the course with a level 4 or higher.**

2019

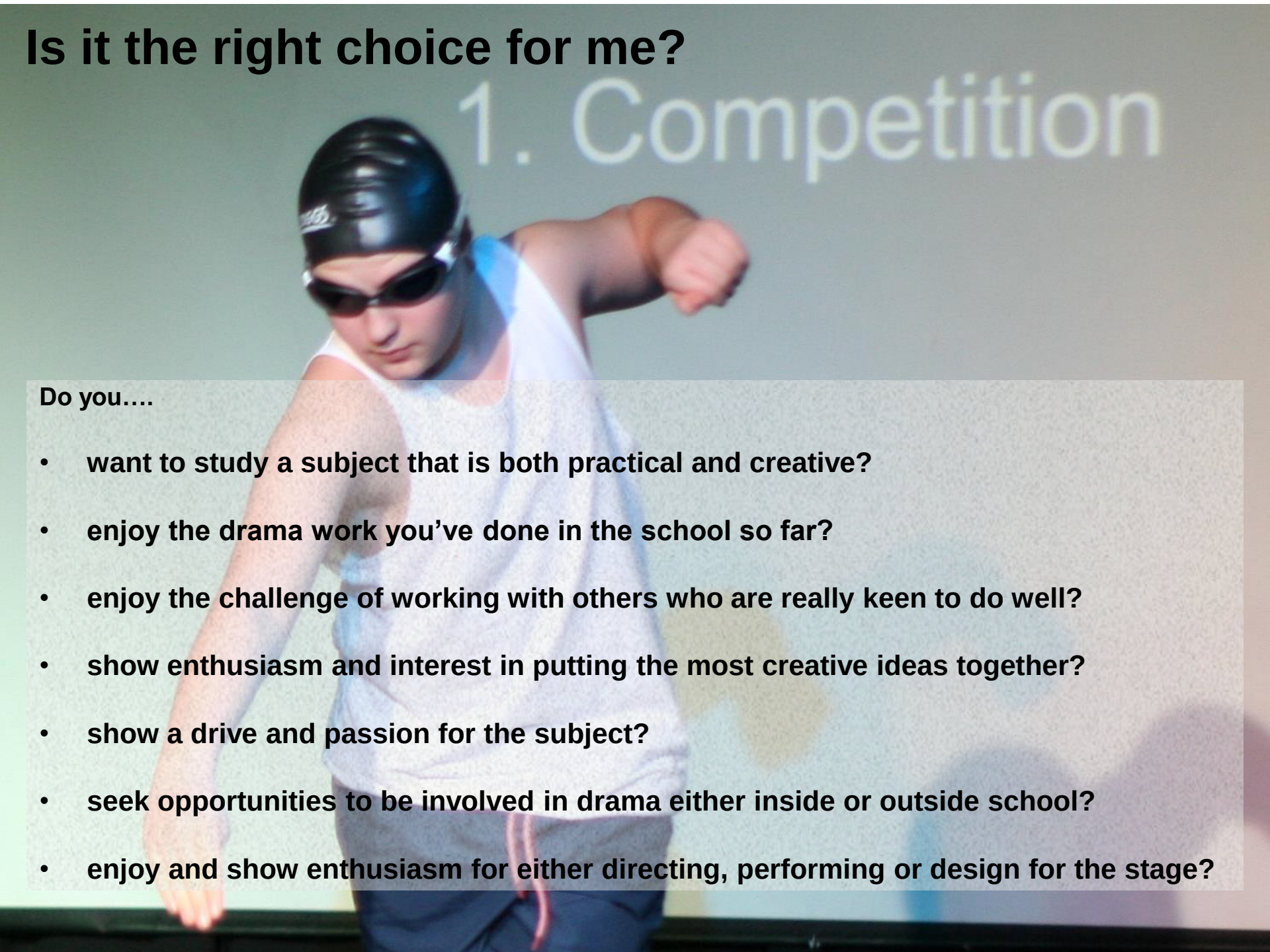
- **Nearly 1/3 of the cohort achieved levels 8 and 9**
- **100% passed the course with level 4 or higher**

At RPS, students did 1.5 grades better at drama on average than at other schools across the country.

2020 - Although the results were based on our assessments due to Covid 19;

- **Nearly 1/3 of the cohort again achieved levels 8 and 9**
- **Again 100% passed the course with level 4 or higher**

Is it the right choice for me?



Do you….

- **want to study a subject that is both practical and creative?**
- **enjoy the drama work you've done in the school so far?**
- **enjoy the challenge of working with others who are really keen to do well?**
- **show enthusiasm and interest in putting the most creative ideas together?**
- **show a drive and passion for the subject?**
- **seek opportunities to be involved in drama either inside or outside school?**
- **enjoy and show enthusiasm for either directing, performing or design for the stage?**

What does studying drama teach you?

I LEARNED DEDICATION, THE VALUE OF HARD WORK AND OF APPROACHING THE TASK IN HAND WITH A CLEAR PURPOSE AND FULL ATTENTION. I LEARNED THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH PASSION AND CONFIDENCE AND TO BELIEVE IN MYSELF. ALL NECESSARY SKILLS WHEN WORKING WITH PEOPLE AND LOOKING TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO GET THE BEST OUT OF THEM – SO IMPORTANT, WHETHER YOU DECIDE TO BE AN ACTOR, A BUSINESSWOMAN, A SCIENTIST OR AN ENGINEER.

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