



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well? As your child's Drama teacher, I wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with some key information regarding the subject of our study for this period of home learning.

As part of their BTEC qualification, your child will study three set plays for their 'component one' unit of work. The first play, Blood Brothers, we have completed up to Christmas. The new play, 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' I am launching via our online platform.

'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' is based on the best-selling novel of the same name, and the play has received international recognition with repeated tours and West End residency... as well as a national school tour. It is widely recognised as a text for study for both English and Drama subject areas.

The play tells the story of 15-year-old Christopher Boone, and the journey he embarks upon. It begins with his investigation into the mysterious death of his neighbour's dog, which leads to several other discoveries and developments in his relationships to those closest to him. The central character, Christopher, is Autistic and the play establishes and captures his wonderful, unique and sometimes overwhelming and challenging perspective, particularly on the people and places he experiences. The book is written first person, wherein the recorded speech of conversations Christopher has encountered is documented word for word as verbatim. As such, there are examples of mature language, from the adults in the story. Though in context to the drama unfolding, this is evident in the original novel and therefore, the script to the play.

I want to take this opportunity to assure you that any material studied as part of our online provision will be carefully considered, constructed, and in some cases the language edited, to ensure that it is appropriate for your child and their home surroundings. I will inform students of this in our first Live lesson this week.

Yours sincerely,

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