

## **Drama Department Profile**

We are seeking to appoint an outstanding practitioner who is totally committed to providing an exciting and rewarding experience in Drama for all of our students regardless of their academic ability. This is an exciting opportunity for an inspirational practitioner to join Millom School, to further develop drama within the school and the community.

There is currently a very popular and well attended drama club for Key Stage 3 students. The drama teacher works with students across Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 to stage a variety of events throughout the academic year. Over the past few years this has included: Check Please by Jonathan Rand, a Summer Showcase and a Christmas Showcase (in recent years performances have included Willy Russell's Blood Brothers, the Rock Challenge Dance competition and the Shakespeare Festival for Schools).

Theatre trips run to a variety of venues all over the North-West region and nationally. Recent trips have included the Beggars Theatre in Millom and Blackpool Grand Theatre. Previously students have also visited Stratford-Upon-Avon and the Lowry Theatre in Salford.

Theatre companies have also been brought into school to work with the students. Last year it was Splendid Productions and prior to that Frantic Assembly.

The successful applicant will teach Drama in Key Stage 3 and 4 with the potential to develop Drama teaching at Key Stage 5. An established Key Stage 3 curriculum with detailed schemes of work and assessment structures is in place with students currently opting to progress onto the Level 2 BTEC Technical Award at Key Stage 4. There is also the option for students to study the Level 3 BTEC National Extended Certificate at Key Stage 5.

Drama teaching is supported by excellent facilities at Millom School, with lessons taking place in the fully equipped Melvyn Bragg Drama Studio. School productions are performed in the Alexandra Hall which is fitted with a professional lighting rig and audio sound desk.

Drama has always been a very prominent and strong area in the life of Millom School in terms of extra-curricular work. Students are enthusiastic in both lessons and extra-curricular events. Locally, there is a very active amateur dramatics scene and a lot of students are members of the various societies – Millom Amateur Dramatic Society, Millom Amateur Operatic Society and the Beggar's Theatre Youth Drama. There is an opportunity to develop community links in this area.