



ETON  
COLLEGE



# MCM DRAMA AWARD

## Drama at Eton

### Learning

We aim to facilitate the learning experience of boys in all aspects of current theatre arts – encouraging you to discover who you are, and who you could be, as an artist and practitioner. The most fruitful path to this is via active participation: by trying things out yourself, by making creative mistakes, and through the art of collaboration.

### Opportunities

There are around 20 theatrical productions staged in a typical year, ranging from full scale musicals and Jacobean classics in the largest venue, to productions of the latest contemporary works directed and produced by the boys themselves.

### Backstage

Students are encouraged to get involved with all the technical aspects of theatre production: the design, rigging and operation of both lighting and sound, as well as operating the stage management and running the costume and make-up department.

### State of the Art Facilities

There are three different theatre spaces, staffed by professional theatre practitioners. This includes a resident designer as well as a theatre director and filmmaker-in-residence, who are appointed every year to bring the most up-to-date perspectives into the department.

### The MCM Drama Award

The MCM Drama Award is named after Michael Meredith's house. Michael is one of the pioneers of Eton drama who helped to make the theatre a creative art at Eton.

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

The MCM Drama Award can be granted to a boy applying for an Orwell Award who is passionate about the theatre arts, with the personality to adapt successfully to the life of a boarding community.

You should be willing to commit yourself to engage wholeheartedly in the dramatic life of the school. For instance, by auditioning for all the school and House plays you can, working backstage, sitting in on rehearsals and writing for the School Play Festival. It is not only open to actors and aspiring directors, but for anyone who feels drawn to work in any aspect of the theatre and gain more experience.

Those wishing to be considered for the award should apply through the normal Orwell Award application process, completing the MCM Drama Award section as part of their application.

