

## Bridging the gaps: from Upper 3 to A Level



Continuing to cross-pollinate between subjects, my classes find themselves studying the very same text. An A Level set text for drama, the play 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' is a life-affirming, imaginative adaptation of the novel of the same name, which swept the Olivier award back in 2013. The pupil's study its technical prowess, innovative direction and movement, as well as elements of lighting, sound and of course, performance.

The original Mark Haddon novel was published in 2003 and almost overnight became a modern classic. With this in mind, I have been introducing it to her Upper 3 English set, examining the complex characters including the young protagonist, Christopher Boone, who articulates his many challenges living with Asperger's syndrome. Pupils have also got creative writing detective stories, putting themselves in the role of having in investigate a mysterious murder- sometimes, even of a dog.

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