

Drama GCSE

GCSE Drama is an exciting and dynamic course, which builds on the creative and inter-personal skills developed at Key Stage 3. GCSE Drama is assessed through a combination of a 40% written exam and 60% practical exploration and performance.

Aims of the Course

The specification aims to develop a wide range of skills for students of all abilities, such as:

- Planning, organising and making performances.
- Developing acting and performance skills.
- Making decisions and using your initiative.
- Expressing yourself clearly and confidently.
- Building relationships and working well with others.
- Taking on roles of responsibility.
- Reflection and evaluation.



Units

Component 1: Devising Theatre. Worth 40%

Students will work in a small group to devise and perform a piece of original theatre from a stimulus and evaluate their performance in a 900 word written portfolio .

Component 2 : Performing Theatre. Worth 20%

Students will participate in a small group performance to a visiting examiner of two key extracts from a play text. Students may specialise in acting, lighting, costume or sound design.

Component 3 : Written Examination. Worth 40%

This unit is a written exam. In section 1, students will study and practically explore a set text, developing knowledge and understanding of the characteristics and context of the whole play and how the play might be interpreted for performance both as a performer and a designer. In section 2, students will visit the theatre and watch a professional production, analysing and evaluating how successfully the production communicated meaning to the audience.

You will probably enjoy this course if...

- You work well with others and like being creative as part of a team.
- You enjoy both devising your own drama and exploring plays.
- You enjoy and want to develop at performing.
- You want to experience live theatre productions

ASSESSMENT

Component 1 : Marked by your teacher

Component 2 : Marked by a visiting examiner

Component 3 : Marked by the exam board

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