



Drama

(GCSE)



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Why study Drama?

For thousands of years people have made audiences laugh or cry by acting out stories that were important to them. Even today audiences can be moved by characters created by the Ancient Greeks or the English tradition of Shakespeare. By doing GCSE Drama you can become part of those traditions and learn how to present or create stories and ideas to an audience. You may enjoy playing a character different from yourself, others may not wish to appear on stage but will enjoy the prospect of designing set, costume or rigging lights and sound equipment. You will find Drama interesting and challenging and different to other subjects.

What key knowledge, concepts and skills will I learn?

- Devised Thematic Work
- Puppetry
- Sound
- Improvisation
- Directing
- Study & Performance of a Scripted Play
- Set Design
- Make-up
- Lighting
- Live theatre
- Script Writing



What attitudes and qualities are required to do well?

The qualities you need for taking GCSE Drama are to have a love for theatre. You need to be creative and imaginative. **You must be able to work constructively with others, and be able to communicate effectively through group work and during Performance.** You must be able to meet deadlines, and show commitment after school to rehearse or attend workshops.

You must be able to enjoy reading plays, and have good literacy skills. You need to demonstrate outstanding team skills; listening to others, interpreting your own and others ideas.

How will I be assessed?



Unit 1 – Written Exam Paper 40%

The written paper is divided into sections:

Section A is a multiple choice based on Theatre roles and terminology.

Section B is the study of a set text, students will be asked to answer questions on one set play.

Section C is based on the study of a live theatre performance you have seen at the theatre and analysing its delivery.

Unit 2 – Practical Work and coursework 60%

You will have the opportunity to explore a range of acting styles, including devising, improvisation, physical theatre and Text. One piece of work will be internally assessed and completed along with a written record of work called “The Log Book”. The final text performance will be marked by an external examiner.

Which other subjects link into this course?

Drama links well with Performing Arts, Music, Art and English. Content also links with History and Religious Studies.

What career options are open to me?

Drama provides you with the skills employers are looking for. It can lead to opportunities in a wide range of occupations, including Public Services, Teachers, Lawyers, Stage Management, Director, Light, Set or Sound Technician/Designer, Actor, Writer, Production Manager, Broadcasting.

For more information you might like to visit:

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama-and-performing-arts/gcse/drama-4240