

GCSE Drama



Why choose A GCSE in Drama?

Drama GCSE is a practical course that explores acting and directing skills. It also establishes lifelong skills such as leadership, management and teamwork. In lessons, we will examine varying styles of theatre and the building blocks of making plays. We will explore historical movements in theatre and apply them to making plays and characters. Students will also get the opportunity to watch a live performance at the theatre where they will critically assess and evaluate actors' ability to convey meaning to an audience. We will also study a play in detail and understand how to use set, lights, costume, sound and movement to create an atmosphere on stage.

What will I study?

You will study a variety of topics such as realistic drama, narrative theatre and experimental theatre to help you learn how to make your own plays. We will explore lots of play extracts looking at how to perform them to make the most of the message and tension. There will be a study of a full play text which forms part of the written examination as well as a response to a piece of live theatre. Part of the study will be presenting performances both to a live audience as well as to an examiner.

Who would this course suit?

The course is aimed for those who have a passion for acting and performing but also for students who may consider a career in the business management world. Leadership and presentation skills will be developed so that you can confidently lead others when producing a group project.

How will I learn?

The lessons will be mostly practical explorations of texts and styles. There will be some written work to be completed, based on the practical work that you complete. You will work in mixed groups on performances and be expected to take part in showing your finished pieces.

How will my work be assessed?

Assessments are broken down into three components –

Component 1: Devised Drama

(Making your own play)

Component 2: Presentation of a Text

(Acting a Script)

Component 3: Drama: Performance and Response

(Written examination on a play text and a theatre production you have seen during the course).

Unit	When	Controlled Assessment for course work	length
Unit 1	January 2022	Mock Devised Assessments	8 weeks
Unit 1:	June 2022	Devised Assessment & Portfolio	8 weeks
Unit 2:	September 2023	Mock Performance of Drama Extract	12 Weeks
Unit 2:	January 2023	Performance of Drama Examination	12 Weeks
Unit 3:	May/June 2023	Final Written Examination	

How can I use this course after Year 11/ in the future?

When looking at A-Level courses this subject will support your studies within A-Level English, Media and Theatre Studies and Art and Law.

The general skills you gain will enable you to present yourself with confidence, lead and manage a team and work to deadlines. The course would allow you to apply for courses within the performing arts field, entertainment and presenting in theatre, film and television.

If I want to know more I should ask:

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Year 10 & Year 11 Drama students