

DRAMA GCSE

What qualification does this course lead to?

Exam Level: GCSE Grades 9-1

Assessment Examination: 40%

Controlled Assessments: 60%

What topics will I study?

You will learn the process of creating theatre through performance and production techniques such as acting, directing, lighting and sound, and devising your own theatre pieces.

You will visit the theatre and learn how to discuss what makes an effective performance. You will enhance your understanding and appreciation of Drama through a range of practical skills.

What understanding and skills will I develop?

You will learn how to understand and respond to a wide range of play texts and how to create the most effective impact for an audience.

You will have an increased awareness of social, historical and cultural influences within our own and other societies. You will investigate these topics through dramatic presentation or through workshops with professional practitioners.

You will increase your self-awareness and be able to appreciate and evaluate the contribution of other members of your group.

Finally, you will develop your sense of creativity and self-confidence. Many students have stated that their ability to concentrate and communicate with other group members, significantly improves as they learn drama techniques. Self-discipline is essential in this area.

How will I learn/how will I be taught?

Candidates can develop an insight into and an understanding of a wide range of activities. Drama is an exciting, creative and challenging course and has been designed to help candidates meet that challenge.

How will I be assessed?

The course requires two controlled practical assessment marks from the study of published plays and the devising of original theatre. This represents 60% of the course.

There is a terminal examination – 40% of available marks. Students write about practical work completed on the course, the study and performance of a scripted play or the study of a live theatre production seen.

What can this course lead on to?

This course can lead on to 'A' level Theatre Studies and BTEC level 3 extended diploma in Performing Arts but can be part of any pathway at both GCSE and Post 16 level.

Who do I need to contact for more information?

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