



GCSE DRAMA

What Will I Be Studying?

During the Drama GCSE course, you will study a wide variety of drama styles, practitioners and scripts. You will have the opportunity to develop your performance skills and understanding of drama theory, through practical performance work as well as the chance to explore the role of a designer. You will study an entire play and will also go on trips to watch live theatre in the West End.

How Will I Be Assessed?

Component 1: Devising (40%)

You will work in a group to create your own piece of theatre based on a stimulus like a painting, a poem or a song. (10%) You can either be a performer or a designer, e.g., creating the lighting or designing the costume for a performance. You will then complete a portfolio of written work to explain how you created this group piece. You will have to write about the process and decisions taken in creating your devised piece of theatre. (30%)

Component 2: Performance from Text (20%)

In this component you will perform two extracts from a text as part of a group. You will have to memorise your lines and perform as your character in costume for an examiner in the drama studio.

Component: 3 Theatre Makers in Practice (40%)

We will study a complete script during our lessons, undertaking practical exploration of the text as well as looking at it from the perspective of a director and a designer. In the exam you have to write about how you would perform the script if you were an actor, what you would tell the performers to do if you were a director and how you want the lighting / set / costume to look like if you were a designer. You will also have to write a review of a play that we will go and see.

Who Would Enjoy This Course?

Students who:

- Are enthusiastic about all aspects of drama – performing, designing and directing!
- Enjoy being creative on their own and with other people
- Are committed and hard working
- Enjoy working in groups with other students
- Are prepared to take risks
- Are prepared to work hard on their written work and enjoy problem-solving
- Are flexible and adaptable

The GCSE Drama course is best suited to students who enjoy being practical and creative and like to showcase their skills through performance.

A close-up photograph of a person wearing a red jacket with reflective silver stripes on the sleeve. They are holding a script or book, with their hand visible in the foreground. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the jacket and the script.

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How Will This Course Help Me In The Future?

Drama is not only a fantastic way to prepare for further study (for example AS/A Level and Level 3 BTEC Drama) or a career in the performing arts, but it also gives you the skills to pursue other creative roles in other industries. In 2017 the creative industries were valued at over £100bn!

Many of the skills that you develop in drama such as leadership, public speaking, co-operation, problem solving and confidence are also highly valued by other professions such as Law, Medicine and Business where you have to be seen to be confident and reliable in a variety of situations.

Drama also provides you with many of the skills needed to be successful at college, university and job interviews, no matter what you want to do next!