



Drama

KS4

Why should I study this course?

Drama is an exciting, collaborative and engaging subject which challenges its participants to be creative, inventive and inspired. GCSE Drama offers students the opportunity to build upon performance skills such as devising, expressive movement and characterisation at a more intensive, developed level. You will be encouraged to consider a range of different forms of dramatic presentation to communicate meaning to an audience.

By studying two contrasting plays in a practical manner, you will explore the creative opportunities used to bring the characters, words and themes of the plays alive on stage. Students will reflect upon these means in written form. Understanding and knowledge of how actors and designers can transport the audience into the world of the play will be further supported by theatre visits. Former GCSE Drama students have utilised their skills in Theatre Studies, Media and English.

What knowledge and/or skills will I need?

Skills that you will need, or that you will be required to develop, include:

- the ability and desire to perform in front of others
- the ability and wish to work and collaborate with other people from your class
- the ability and confidence to suggest ideas in groups and respond to contributions from peers and staff
- the ability to create and sustain a character in role with complete focus
- the ability and discipline to learn and remember lines from a script for public performance
- the ability to reflect on your progress and justify your creative decisions in written form
- the ability to read and understand a full play and offer an interpretation of bringing the words to life in a performance as a performer, director and designer in written form
- the ability to reflect upon and evaluate a live theatre performance in written form
- Verbal clarity and fluency. Physical control and flexibility
- An imaginative and active, collaborative approach

How will I be assessed?

The course is run by the EDEXCEL examination board and is called Drama 2DR01

- **Component 1: 40%** Students create their own devised unique piece of theatre on a stimulus and submit a 2,000 word written portfolio outlining and evaluating their practical piece.
- **Component 2: 20%** In Year 11 students will study a whole text and perform two extracts to a visiting external examiner from Edexcel.
- **Component 3: 40% Written Examination (1 hour 45 minutes)**

Section A: questions based on a provided extract from a set text studied in school. Students answer from the point of view of a performer, director and designer.

Section B is evaluating a piece of Live Theatre seen as a GCSE cohort.

Want more information?

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