

EDEXCEL: DRAMA GCSE

There are 3 exams:

Component 1: 'DEVISING' EXAM (40% of the GCSE)

Practical: 'CREATE, DEVELOP AND PERFORM' a devised piece from a stimulus

Written: 'A PORTFOLIO' written coursework to support the practical work covering the creating, developing, analysis and evaluation process (2000 words)

Component 2: 'PERFORMANCE FROM TEXT' EXAM (20% of the GCSE)

Practical: 'PERFORM TWO EXTRACTS' from a performance text to a visiting examiner

Component 3: 'THEATRE MAKERS IN PRACTICE' EXAM (40% of the GCSE)

Written: Written examination: 1 hour 30 mins

SECTION A: 'BRINGING TEXTS TO LIFE – answering questions based on an extract of a studied performance text

SECTION B: LIVE THEATRE EVALUATION – answering questions which analyses and evaluates a live theatre performance the students will have seen.

In drama we study:

A RANGE OF DRAMA SKILLS: VOICE, MOVEMENT, CHARACTERISATION, MIME, DUOLOGUES & MONOLOGUES

KEY DRAMA PRACTITIONERS: STANISLAVSKI, BECKETT, BRECHT & BERKOFF

DEVISE SCENES: DEVELOP STRONG DIALOGUE & CHARACTERISATION

PERFORM SCRIPTS: STUDYING A VARIETY OF GENRES / TIME PERIODS

THEATRICAL DEVICES: LIGHTING, SOUND, SET DESIGN & STAGING

Why should I study Drama?

You should choose Drama as an option at GCSE if:

-you like working in groups and collaborating with others

-you are keen to improve your confidence

-you enjoy going to the theatre and studying plays

-you enjoy devising, directing and shaping drama

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR STUDENTS?

- EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY
- 100% EFFORT AND COMMITMENT TO THE SUBJECT & WORK
- RESPECT & SUPPORT TO ALL PERFORMERS
- COMPLETE ALL HOMEWORK & COURSEWORK DEADLINES
- BE CO-OPERATIVE & WORK WELL AS A GROUP MEMBER
- BE RELIABLE AND ATTEND EXTRA REHEARSALS
- USE FEEDBACK TO CHALLENGE & IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF WORK
- TAKES RISKS
- BE PREPARED TO WORK HARD & IN TURN ACHIEVE HIGH RESULTS