

GCSE Drama



Career Options

Performance and theatre based careers: e.g. Actor, entertainer, stage-manager, theatre designer, presenter, voice-over artist, theatre manager

Careers requiring communication and creativity: e.g. teacher, lawyer, counsellor, journalist, games designer, researcher, human resources

Subject Content

The course consist of 3 components

Component 1: Understanding drama

You will learn about drama and theatre. You will study and practically explore a set play. You will also visit the theatre to evaluate live performances. You will learn about roles within the theatre.

Component 2: Devising drama

You will work in a group to research, create and perform your own drama to be performed before an audience. You can contribute as an actor or designer.

Component 3: Texts in practice

You will work in a group to perform plays or extracts from plays, taking a script form page to stage. You can contribute as an actor or as a puppet, set, sound, or costume and make-up designer.

Assessment Information

In GCSE drama, assessment take place over both years 10 and 11.

Component 1: Understanding drama

Students sit a written paper in *June of year 11*. The paper has three sections:

A; Theatre roles and responsibilities – multiple choice

B: Questions on our set text, *Blood Brothers* by Willy Russell

C: Questions on a live theatre performance you have seen.

This component is worth 40% of your final grade.

Component 2: Devising drama

This coursework unit is completed in the *Summer term of year 10*.

Students are assessed on their performance or design skills and the success of their original work. Students also write a working notebook. Your teacher internally assesses this unit. This component is worth 40% of your final grade.

Component 3: Texts in practise

This practical exam takes place in *December of year 11*. You will perform or design two extracts of a play, A visiting examiner assesses this unit. This unit is worth 20% of your final grade.

Why Study...?

- You enjoy creating drama, reading plays and watching theatre
- You want a career in theatre or a creative industry
- Drama develops lifelong transferable '*soft skills*' that employers look for and often complain are lacking in young people. A GCSE in drama shows you have developed these skills: e.g. cooperation and team work, resilience, leadership, tolerance and understanding of others, communication skills, problem solving and initiative. **These skills are sought after and essential in the modern work place.**
- Drama/performing arts develops your self-confidence, command of spoken English and communication skills
- Drama involves practical, group work, which may be something you enjoy

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