

DRAMA

COURSE OVERVIEW

You should take this course if you enjoy:

- expressing yourself in active and exciting ways
- working in a group
- contributing your ideas and taking on-board those of others
- seeing your creativity come to life
- playing many parts in different imaginary situations
- creating your own drama work
- looking at plays written by other people
- exploring ideas by putting yourself in other people's shoes

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS DEVELOPED

What will I do?

During the course, you will learn:

- How drama is created, including all the acting and staging skills that are needed to put a piece of drama on to the stage;
- How to create a character and play this character in a performance;
- How to analyse and review professional theatre;
- How to analyse, interpret and perform a script;
- Many highly valued skills including teamwork, communication, leadership and creativity.

“GCSE Drama gave me the confidence I didn't know I had. For me it's not about being an actor, it's about gaining the skills and confidence to be creative, resilient and adaptable.”

Qualification: **GCSE**

Awarding Body: **AQA**

ASSESSMENT METHOD

There are three components:

1. Understanding Drama (written exam - 40%)
2. Devising Drama (Practical & Written – 40%)
3. Texts in Practice (Practical – 20%)

- In **Component 1** you will take a written exam answering questions on a play you have studied and on a piece of live theatre you have been to watch.
- In **Component 2** you will devise your own play and be assessed on your written log book and your performance.
- In **Component 3** you will rehearse and perform two extracts from a script. You are also able to specialise in technical theatre for this component.

POST 16 OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS

GCSE Drama gives you more than just a grade. Students have told us that they have been able to use the skills learnt in drama in a variety of professions. Recent students have gone on to find employment in arts management, nursing, teaching, writing, retail, criminology, social work, law, as well as the more specialised fields of acting, directing and technical theatre. GCSE Drama could compliment any job where you need excellent communication and problem solving skills, leadership and teamwork, presentation skills, and a creative outlook.