

Drama

Head of Department:
Miss H Baron

GCSE Drama is an exciting and demanding course which requires dedication and self-discipline. It provides an excellent opportunity for students to develop their creative and analytical skills and provides the appropriate foundation for further study in the Expressive Arts. There is a financial cost involved with this course as we try to go and see a live production at least once a year.

GCSE Drama

Awarding Body: AQA
Possible Grades: 9-1



Course Outline

The course comprises of three components.

Component 1: Understanding Drama (40% of GCSE)

This component is assessed through a written exam taken at the end of year 11. Split into three sections, the exam will test your knowledge of a set text, your views on a live production seen as well as your basic understanding of the theatre and how it works.

Component 2: Devising Drama (40% of GCSE)

This component is coursework and will be assessed through a devising log (60 marks) and a devised performance (20 marks). You will be required to show your understanding of the process of creating theatre as well as your ability to analyse and evaluate your work.

Component 3: Texts in Practice (20% of GCSE)

This is an entirely practical component that results in a performance in front of a visiting examiner. You will perform two different extracts from one published play of your choice. This element will require you to

learn lines, make artistic decisions and through your performance of each extract, show you have a clear understanding of the play as a whole.

Successful drama students will need to be:

Confident in order to perform your work to an audience;

Responsible as you will work as part of a team;

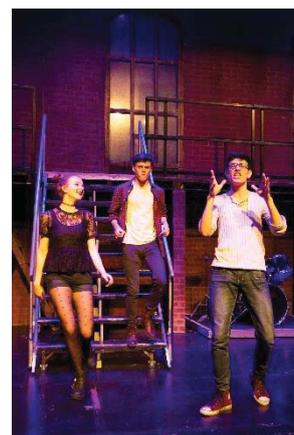
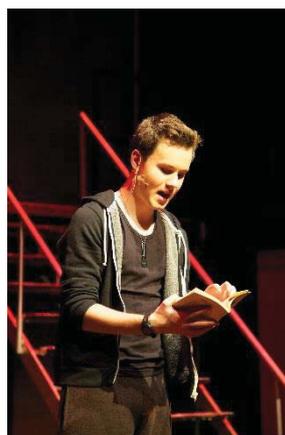
Sensitive towards the needs of others in your group;

Committed as you will have to attend rehearsals and work independently of your teacher;

Motivated as you will have to work on projects over a long period of time;

Creative in order to come up with ideas for your drama;

Reliable as you will be required to work hard in all lessons.



Assessment

Written Examination	40%
Coursework	40%
Practical Examination	20%

Specification weblink:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261>

Recommended textbook: AQA GCSE Drama