

Why choose to study GCSE Drama?

In addition to helping students acquire subject knowledge, this specification:

- encourages students to explore and actively engage in a wide range of creative and stimulating activities to develop as effective and independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- develops and demonstrates competence in a range of practical, creative and performance skills
- encourages students to work imaginatively and creatively in collaborative contexts, generating, developing and communicating ideas

What will I learn?

- You will study a wide range of play texts, and explore the ways in which playwrights achieve dramatic effects and communicate their intentions to an audience.
- You will explore social, historical and cultural contexts and influences through an investigation of plays and other styles of dramatic presentation.
- You will develop your skills of creativity, self-confidence, concentration, self-discipline and communication.
- You will develop increased self and group awareness and the ability to appreciate and evaluate the work of others

How is GCSE Drama assessed?

Practical Coursework – 60% Candidates present a range of practical work throughout the two years of the course. The best two practical grades are submitted as coursework. Candidates opting for performance must work in groups of not less than three.

Written Paper – 40% Candidates sit a 1 1/2 hour written paper in the summer examinations. The exam will contain questions on a choice of set plays, analysis of practical work undertaken through the course as well as response to live productions seen during the course.

Theatre Trips

As part of the course you will visit theatres to see plays, both locally and in London, these will then form a program of study for the written paper. Because of this, attendance on trips is very important. There is a cost element involved in the form of the price of the tickets and transport; you should discuss this with your parents.

Where will GCSE Drama lead?

Course progression	Career opportunities
GCSE Provides a strong and appropriate foundation for further progression to Drama courses, including A-level Drama and Theatre Studies, and enhanced vocational and career pathways.	The study of Drama can help you develop transferable skills which you can take into any career or job. These might include careers in such fields as retail, travel and tourism, sales and marketing or any career that involves meeting people face to face.

What do students say about GCSE Drama?

“Drama is one of my best options .It improved my communication skills and confidence in working with others.”

“It broadened my horizons.”