

DRAMA GCSE

INTRODUCTION

Drama is a practical subject suitable for students who like to be both creative and active. It is valuable for those who wish to develop communication, confidence and social skills. The GCSE Drama course is primarily aimed at those wishing to focus on performance but students will also learn about production design and may opt to choose this route for assessment.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You will be introduced through practical workshops in acting to theatre practitioners and drama styles, and from these workshops you will create new and innovative drama work which will be performed to an invited audience. You will also work in small groups to prepare a scripted piece of theatre that will be performed to a visiting examiner. At other times the course will focus on the exploration of a set text, and the evaluation of live theatre. These will be explored both practically and theoretically. You will leave the course with the ability to evaluate how drama and performance work communicates to an audience both aurally and in writing.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The course consists of three main components

- Component 1: Coursework: 40% Devised performance, and written report
- Component 2: Practical Exam: 20% Performance of a published text
- Component 3: Written Exam: 40% study of a set text and live theatre review



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The course requires good attendance and at times extra rehearsals, so would suit those students who are self-motivated. Students must have attendance of above 95% (and this must be maintained throughout the course); students with below 95% attendance will be interviewed and may not receive a place on the course.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

The GCSE Drama course leads effectively onto the A-Level Drama and Theatre Studies courses offered in the Sixth Form as well as the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts, and counts as one of the GCSE's that are required for any other A-Level study.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Mrs Farnsworth, Head of Drama.