

# DRAMA GCSE ACTING or PRODUCTION DESIGN

## 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 offers two pathways; **ACTING or PRODUCTION DESIGN**. Students are able to opt for either pathway and will be taught within one class with access to specialist teaching in their chosen field.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You will be introduced through practical workshops (on acting and production design) to theatre practitioners and drama styles. You will use the understanding gained through these workshops to 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.

Please note that places on the Production Design route are limited and prior involvement in school productions and/or attendance at Production Design workshops will be used to short list students for interview should the numbers exceed those available.

## FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

GCSE Drama 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.