

# DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

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Pupil year: L5 - U5 (Yr 10-11)

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A GCSE qualification in Drama will provide you with the confidence, creativity and analytical techniques which will help in carrying you through to the next stage of your education, and beyond. The skills taught will include improvisation, interpreting and analysing text, vocal techniques and presentation, movement, directing, working with sound, stage management and lighting. It is also an exciting opportunity to explore different ways of visually presenting ideas, while encouraging quick and lateral thinking. Theatre visits are an integral part of the course which not only help to support the skills learned but also enable you to develop a discerning yet exciting appreciation of the Arts.

Assessments will cover the following two papers:

- Unit 1 (30%): exploring the use of drama in response to stimulus material selected from different times and cultures based around a theme. Written coursework, practical internal assessment.
- Unit 2 (30%): exploring a specific play text in depth, including how the playwright's ideas are communicated to an audience. Evaluation of a theatre performance seen as a group. Written course work, practical internal assessment.
- Unit 3 (40%): Drama Performance. In this paper students have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills as performers or designers. External assessment by a visiting examiner.