

DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

Awarding Body: **Edexcel**

GCSE Drama challenges you to work both creatively and intellectually whilst also furnishing you with valuable communication skills such as interpreting and communicating meaning to an audience, confidently voicing opinion and constructing persuasive argument. You will also experiment with different ways of visually presenting ideas, while encouraging quick and lateral thinking.

Over the two years you will analyse play texts practically with a focus on staging and work as performers, directors and designers. You will also watch and review a range of professional theatre shows (including a trip to London's West End) and attend workshops with professional companies. This is a well-respected qualification in which no two lessons are the same and where you are encouraged to think outside the box.

The first year follows a programme of study with all assessments in the Upper 5 year. Assessment is as follows:

Unit 1 (40%) Devising: Creation of devised drama in response to stimulus material set annually by the exam board. Practical internal assessment, written coursework element.

Unit 2 (20%) Performance: External examination of performance text extracts either as actor or designer by a visiting examiner.

Unit 3 (40%) Written exam: There are three areas of study; understanding direction and the practical rehearsal process, dramatic terminology and evaluation of a seen live performance.