

DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

AWARDING BODY: EDEXCEL

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

Over the two years students will develop skills in creating their own devised work for performance. They will analyse play texts practically with a focus on staging and work as performers, directors and designers. There is also the opportunity to watch and review a range of professional theatre productions and attend workshops with professional companies. This is a well-respected qualification in which no two lessons are the same and where pupils 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:

Component 1 (40%) Devising: Creation of a devised drama piece in response to stimulus materials (selected in-house).
Practical internal assessment, written coursework element.

Component 2 (20%) Performance From Text: External examination by a visiting examiner of a combination of group/solo/ duologue performances of two extracts from a play text. Performer and designer routes available.
Practical external assessment.

Component 3 (40%) Theatre Makers in Practice: There are two areas of focus in this written paper; analysis and evaluation of a seen live performance and directing and designing for a set text.
Written examination.