

DRAMA GCSE

Drama at GCSE is a different subject to what you have encountered so far! It will challenge you in many different ways emotionally, physically and intellectually. There is no room for the faint hearted! During the course you will be introduced to several different theatrical styles. You will be performing several pieces of work in front of an audience, some devised and produced solely by the students.

However, you don't have to just be a performer. You can also choose to learn about and be assessed on the technical side of drama such as lighting and costume.

We will also see how the professionals do it, visiting the theatre together and watching anything from Shakespeare to some of the more challenging modern works.

There are two units:

Written Paper; 40%

The paper comprises of three sections:

- A Practical work completed during the course
- B Study and performance of a scripted play
- C Study of a live production you have seen

Practical Work; 60%

Candidates are required to present practical work for the two controlled assessment options. Options include:

- Devised thematic work
- Acting
- Improvisation
- Theatre in education
- Set design
- Physical theatre
- Costume
- Make-up
- Props
- Masks
- Puppets
- Lighting
- Sound
- Stage management

Don't be fooled into thinking that Drama is an easy option. The subject demands commitment, initiative and hard work. You will need to work in a team and understand that the team will depend on you. Take on the challenge and you are guaranteed an unforgettable experience.

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