

GCSE Drama

Who is GCSE Drama for?

GCSE Drama is a largely creative subject involving aspects of performance, designing, directing and interpreting. Drama is both practical and literary: you need to be willing to take part in group work to perform, but also willing to work hard on the written and theoretical aspects of the course, which are similar to some of your English study. If you enjoy (or would enjoy) performing on stage, designing sets or costumes, developing sets/stage plans, directing others and evaluating and analysing texts and would like the chance to develop these skill sets, then this is an ideal course for you. Drama relies heavily on collaborative group working skills and will help develop confidence within students who opt for it.

What skills will I develop?

- The ability to think creatively about a problem.
- The ability to work as part of **any** group in a constructive manner, reflecting on your own work and that of others.
- The ability to analyse and interpret a text (in this case, a drama script and a live performance).
- A grasp of literacy to fulfil the examination and written aspects of the course.

What is this course about?

The Drama course offers a wide range of activities. You will be involved in the creation of their own scripts as well as studying and performing scripts by playwrights. You will study all aspects of theatre design, including set and costume. You will have the opportunity to develop their directing and performing skills through both scripted and devised work. Pupils will also be given the opportunity to watch live performances of professional theatre productions, using this as the basis for detailed analysis and evaluation work. You will look heavily at directorial intent and character analysis, integrating learning around dramatic practitioners to evaluate and interpret plays.

Duration/Time

- This is a 2 year course
- Five periods per fortnight

What can I do at the end of the course?

- **Further education**

With GCSE Drama, you can follow a number of exciting post-16 courses. You might want to study AS Drama or go on to study Performing Arts or Dance. Drama is also a brilliant way to develop spoken language skills that will prove invaluable in higher education interviews.

- **Career opportunities**

Additionally, drama helps build the ability to collaborate and interact with others and speak in front of an audience which will give you a valuable head start in chosen careers. Colleges and employers like the fact that students of drama tend to be outgoing, passionate, and confident people, making it a valuable qualification.

Website

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