

Name of Course	DRAMA
Examination Board	AQA
<p>What is Drama? Drama is a creative, exciting and challenging course. Throughout GCSE Drama you will be expected to create interesting and diverse characters within a number of performances. GCSE Drama requires you to interpret texts and stimuli to create meaning on stage. Theatre is an expressive art which reflects and directs the world we live in today.</p>	
<p>What skills will I learn? You will learn how to demonstrate a range of performance styles. You will evaluate as an actor, audience member and director. You will learn how to analyse, discuss and evaluate your point of view in both spoken and written form. Candidates who have completed the course demonstrate a social intelligence and ability to adapt ideas and work with others. These life skills are essential within future placements and are developed everyday within the drama classroom.</p>	
<p>What will I do in Drama? In KS4 you will study these topics:</p> <p>Year 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drama Fundamentals ● Key Practitioners, Genres and Styles ● Devising ● Approaches to text ● Live Theatre ● Set text <p>Year 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Devising ● Scripted Performance ● Preparation for the final exam 	
<p>How will I be assessed?</p> <p><u>Component 1 – 40% of your GCSE</u> This is the final GCSE exam, which is split into three sections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Section A – Multiple Choice ● Section B – Set Text ● Section C – Live Theatre Review <p><u>Component 2 – 40% of your GCSE</u> This is a devised performance, which is divided into two sections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Performance - 20 marks ● Log Book – 60 marks. <p><u>Component 3 – 20% of your GCSE</u> This is a scripted performance, using two key extracts.</p>	

Useful websites, helpful reading, places to visit

1. Look on the 'Drama' section of our website to have a look at resources that current GCSE students are using.
2. Drama GCSE Bitesize is a good guide and introduction to the subject. Theatre performances at The Hawth (Crawley), The National Theatre (London) and The Theatre Royal (Brighton) would be useful for anybody interested in taking this subject.

Particular issues for this subject

3. Students should be prepared to participate fully in performances and be willing to discuss and write about their experiences and opinions. Only opt for this subject if you are happy to perform in front of an audience and work incredibly hard during lessons and after school to rehearse for different pieces. Good attendance, focus, commitment and energy are essential if you are to gain a good grade in this subject.

For further information, please contact Mrs Kingsford and Miss Terry.

