

GCSE in DRAMA

Course Length	GCSE is studied over 2 years.
Examination Board	Edexcel
Entry Requirements	Students with an interest in drama, acting and teamwork.
Course Leaders	Miss Macdonald

Course Content

GCSE Drama is all about what it's like to put oneself in somebody else's shoes.

You will play many parts in different imaginary situations. You will have the opportunity to create your own work as well as look at plays written by other playwrights

Assessment

Coursework is worth 60% of the GCSE. You will take part in 2 x 6 hour workshops (based on Parts 1 and 2 of the course) which will be marked by your teacher.

You will be assessed on your practical work AND on a portfolio of written evidence you keep during the workshops. The written work for each workshop will be between 1500 and 3000 words. (3000-6000 words in total)

Examination is worth 40% of the GCSE. This is a practical Drama performance which is marked by an external examiner.

By the end of the course

You will have:

- * Developed your imaginative, creative and thinking skills
- * Increased your self confidence in communicating and working with others
- * Extended your understanding and interest in Drama and Theatre.

Content

During the course, students will be introduced to many exploration strategies which include still image, thought-tracking, narrating, hot-seating, role-play, cross-cutting, Forum theatre and marking the moment. They will also learn to recognise and use the aspects of the drama medium and the elements of drama effectively.

The course is 'content free' in that a range of texts will be used as stimuli. 'Texts', include poetry, artefacts, music, play scripts, live theatre performances, television, films and/or videos, newspaper articles, extracts from literary fiction and/or non-fiction.

Assessment

Assessment focus

Students will demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of drama through:

- **Responding** to ideas and issues in different contexts, **demonstrating** an appropriate use of dram to communicate meaning to others.
- **Developing** and exploring ideas using appropriate forms to structure them into a meaningful piece of drama work.
- **Evaluating** the effectiveness of their won work and the work of others and recognising the significance of historical, cultural and/or social influences.
- **Performing** a role or roles effectively to an audience

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'Drama is life with the dull bits cut out' (Alfred Hitchcock)
If you are an enthusiastic student you will enjoy it. If you work sensitively and well in a group, you will be successful.

The course is in 3 parts:

- In **Part One** of the course you will use drama to express your feelings and ideas about a range of issues.
- In **Part Two** of the course you will look at a play to see how a playwright expresses their ideas about a theme or topic and explore ways of making the play work on stage.
- In **Part Three** of the course you will be involved in the performance of a play, either from an existing script or one you create yourselves.
- You will be involved in workshops and theatre visits during the course.

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