

GCSE DRAMA

WHY TAKE DRAMA AS AN OPTION? WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Drama is about developing you as a person and as an actor, director and designer. It also gives you the skills and techniques that will benefit you, in whatever career you choose. There are very few jobs where you do not have to present yourself well and communicate effectively with others in order to achieve success. Lots of your parents will know people who are very good at working with machines but not much good at managing people.

Creative thinking.

Doing Drama helps you to develop your capacity for creative thinking. Training your brain not to think in boring straight lines can bring plenty of positive results which have benefits beyond the acting space.

Team Work

All the work you do in Drama is about working within a team. Reliability, learning how to negotiate, to organise yourself and others, to be tactful and welcoming of other people's ideas, are all skills and qualities which are high on the agenda for success in Drama.

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AIMS OF THE COURSE

Drama GCSE will give you the opportunity to develop:

Practical skills for communicating and expressing ideas, feelings and meanings.

An understanding of dramatic forms and the context in which they are used.

An understanding of drama and its social, cultural and historical context.

21st century theatre practice.

Component 1 - Devising - 40%

- Students will work in a group to create and develop ideas to devise a piece of Drama.
- Students will write a portfolio to evaluate the creative process.

Component 2 - Performance from Text - 20%

- Students will interpret and explore a performance text and perform two key extracts from it.
- Externally assessed by a visiting examiner.

Component 3 - Written Exam - 40%

- This is an externally set and assessed written examination.
- The exam is 1 hour and 30 minutes.