



DRAMA GCSE



Examination Board:

AQA

Assessment:

70% of the course is assessed through academic writing.

30% of the course is assessed through practical work either as actor or theatre designer.

Exam

COMPONENT 1: Understanding Drama (40%)

This is a written paper held in the summer term of Year 11. The paper consists of three parts;

- **SECTION A:** Knowledge and Understanding multiple choice on your knowledge and understanding of theatre (4 marks)
- **SECTION B:** Four questions on a given extract from the set text 'Tings I Know To Be True' (44 marks)
- **SECTION C:** Analysis and Evaluation of a live theatre performance (32 marks)

Controlled Assessment

COMPONENT 2: Devising Drama (40%)

Students will work as a group to devise, perform and evaluate their own play. They will complete a devising log worth 60 marks, to evidence their contribution to the process and evaluate their work in addition to the performance worth 20 marks. Internally assessed and externally moderated.

COMPONENT 3: Texts in Practice (20%)

Performance of two contrasting script extracts, each worth 20 marks (40 total). Here you will have an opportunity to apply the works of drama practitioners and evidence your understanding of drama techniques practically.

What Will You Learn?

Studies will include the following:

- Developing techniques & performance skills
- Learning various approaches to creating (devising) performance material
- Studying and analysing how playwrights, past & present, write and why
- Creating your own scripted short plays
- Keeping a written Portfolio, detailing your reflection on the rehearsal process
- Visits to various performance venues for workshops or performances

Who Is This Course For?

You will enjoy this course if you want to study a subject that:

- Trains you to be an actor and understand the actor's craft
- Reflects your genuine interest in theatre
- Enables you to work closely with other students
- Allows you opportunities to see live theatre
- Develops your analytical, communication and creative skills
- Drives you to have pride in your work
- Can be fun, infuriating and intensely rewarding!

What Happens When You Finish? (Career Pathway)

Whatever your future plans, this course can help you to:

- Go on to study A-Level Drama & Theatre Studies or BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts
- Have a head start in other post-16 subjects such as English or Sociology
- Develop your understanding about the world you live in
- Develop confidence in yourself, in public speaking and in interview situations
- Develop organisation skills, self-discipline and meet deadlines