

## Drama GCSE (Optional)

### Board: AQA Course Content

The course is designed to develop:

- Knowledge, understanding and application of the practical skills of Drama and theatre making
- Theatrical knowledge of the theatre
- Analysis of play text for performance
- Evaluate skills of self, peers and theatre in general
- Increased self and group awareness
- Imaginative, creative communication and social skills

To succeed in this course, you will need:

- A high level of commitment
- A well-developed understanding that what you do or do not do affects others
- To attend a number of theatre visits in the evening and during the day
- To attend some rehearsals during lunch, break, after school and possibly weekends should it be necessary

Component 1: Understanding drama	+	Component 2: Devising drama (practical)	+	Component 3: Texts in practice (practical)
<b>What's assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge and understanding of drama and theatre.</li> <li>• Study of one set play from a choice of six.</li> <li>• Analysis and evaluation of the work of live theatre makers.</li> </ul>		<b>What's assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process of creating devised drama.</li> <li>• Performance of devised drama (students may contribute as performer or designer).</li> <li>• Analysis and evaluation of own work.</li> </ul>		<b>What's assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance of two extracts from one play (students may contribute as performer or designer). Free choice of play but it must contrast with the set play chosen for Component 1.</li> </ul>
<b>How it's assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written exam: 1 hour and 45 minutes</li> <li>• Open book</li> <li>• 80 marks</li> <li>• 40 % of GCSE</li> </ul>		<b>How it's assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devising log (60 marks)</li> <li>• Devised performance (20 marks)</li> <li>• 80 marks in total</li> <li>• 40 % of GCSE</li> </ul>		<b>How it's assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance of Extract 1 (20 marks) and Extract 2 (20 marks)</li> <li>• 40 marks in total</li> <li>• 20 % of GCSE</li> </ul>
<b>Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section A: multiple choice (4 marks).</li> <li>• Section B: four questions on a given extract from the set play chosen (44 marks).</li> <li>• Section C: one question (from a choice) on the work of theatre makers in a single live theatre production (32 marks).</li> </ul>		This component is marked by teachers and moderated by AQA.		This component is marked by AQA.

For further information, please see Ms Russ, in charge of Drama.