

Drama Performing Arts

Course Aims

This course helps to develop confidence and aims to encourage students' enjoyment and understanding of drama, direction, live performance and stage design.

What you will study

Devised – drama created without a script using stimuli. Exploration of themes, issues and topics through drama.

Text – students will have the opportunity to work with and explore a variety of texts e.g. poems, play scripts, original scripts and other written sources.

Evaluation – is an ongoing process and will occur throughout all practical and written work. Students will be offered opportunities to see live performances and review this.

Performance – students will act out a variety of roles and learn how to communicate to an audience.

Coursework requirements

Unit 1 - In this unit you will be devising from a starting point from the exam board. You will complete written coursework based on the performance and your creative journey.

Unit 2 - In this unit you are asked to take part in a showcase using a variety of Drama Conventions based on a play text. To back up your practical work, you will write a short justification.

Unit 3 - This is a written examination where you will be asked to study a text and answer questions based on the possible performance of this play. You will also review live theatre.

Fieldwork, residential and visits

There will be opportunities for workshops and visits to theatres. There will be costs for transport and theatre tickets in order for such activities to take place. Parents will be asked to make a voluntary contribution towards trips, students must attend at least one theatre piece in order to complete their written exam.

The Facts

Subject	Level	Exam Board	Time Allocation	Assessment	Access to grades
Drama	GCSE	OCR	3 lessons	The course is split into three units. Units 1 & 2 are non-examined assessments and worth 60% Unit 3 is a written exam worth 40%	Students can achieve grades 9-1

Further study and future careers

The course is ideally suited to students who enjoy performance, design and/or directing and who may wish to continue to study the Arts leading to University, College and Further Education courses.

Future careers include acting, teaching, therapy, journalism/media and theatre management. Drama is also helpful for any career where you need to present yourself well and communicate with others.

**For further information talk to
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