

GCSE Drama

Overview

GCSE Drama offers pupils a comprehensive, creative experience in all aspects of stage performance. Whilst there are obviously opportunities to focus learning on acting, pupils can also opt to be assessed in lighting, sound, costume and make-up or stage design.

What will I study?

There are 3 units of study, two of which culminate in live performances. Pupils have the chance to create their own performance piece, and can incorporate all manner of performance styles, or focus on design.

In addition, pupils study texts in depth, looking at social, historical and cultural contexts, and how these can be interpreted to create a performance.

Assessment

Pupils are assessed through two live performances, with associated written work. There is also a written examination.

Units	Content	Weight
Unit 1 - Devising Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance internally assessed, externally moderated.• Create, develop and perform a piece, based on the work of a practitioner, or in response to stimulus.• Written evaluation completed under exam conditions.	40%
Unit 2 - Performing Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance externally assessed by visiting examiner.• Performance piece based on two 10 min extracts from a performance text of pupils choice.	20%
Unit 3 - Interpreting Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 hour 30 min written examination.• Questions on set text, to be explored as an actor, designer, or director.• Analysis and evaluation of live theatre production.	40%

