

# Drama

**Qualification: GCSE**

**Equivalent to: 1 GCSE (grade 9-1)**



You will enjoy GCSE Drama if you enjoy the following:

Expressing yourself in an active and exciting way, working in a group, contributing your own ideas and respecting those of others, exploring ideas by putting yourself in other people's shoes, playing many parts in different imaginary situations, devising your own drama and looking at plays written by other people.

## **Course Content**

The GCSE course covers response to a variety of stimuli such as photographs, poems, play-texts, or music. Throughout Key Stage 4 you will build skills and learn about 'Explorative Strategies', 'Drama Mediums' and become confident in applying the skills to performance and exploring ideas. Lessons will be a mixture of practical workshops where you will be encouraged and expected to contribute through discussion, practical activity and more theory based lessons in order to prepare you for written coursework and the examination. You will have the opportunity to perform in front of an audience during the course and will share the skills you've learnt.

## **Assessment**

### **Component 1 – Devising – (Coursework) 40% of the qualification – 60 marks**

- Create and develop a devised piece from stimulus.
- Performance of this devised piece or design realisation for this performance.
- Analyse and evaluate the devising process and performance.
- Performer or designer routes available.

### **Component 2 – Performance from Text (Coursework) – 20% of qualification – 48 marks**

- Students will either perform in and/or design for two key extracts from a performance text.
- Centre choice of performance text.
- Performer or designer routes available.

### **Component 3 – Theatre Makers in Practice – (Written Exam) – 40% of the qualification – 60 marks**

- Practical exploration and study of one complete performance text.
- Choice of eight performance texts.
- Live theatre evaluation – free choice of production.

## **Who would enjoy and be successful on the course?**

Students who already enjoy and feel confident in performance, students who are seeking to primarily apply themselves practically to work. If you would like to extend your performance skills and learn about different methods of presentation that you have never used before. Students who recognise that the subject is not all about 'acting' and are ready to learn about the theory and terminology of Drama.

## **Progression – Sixth Form / Further Education / Careers**

After taking this course you can stay on to the Sixth Form to study 'Drama and Theatre'. There are many degree courses that specialise in or incorporate Drama. The skills learnt in Drama are highly sought by employers as a Drama candidate establishes themselves as a confident individual and an effective communicator.