



DRAMA

AWARDING BODY: AQA

QUALIFICATION: GCSE

AVAILABLE: ALL STUDENTS

COURSE OUTLINE

Drama GCSE offers students the opportunity to explore drama as a practical art form, in which ideas and meaning are communicated to an audience, through choices of form, style and convention. Students will create, perform and respond to drama informed by their theatrical knowledge of drama and theatre.

This course involves interpreting texts from different social and historical eras and students will develop their ability to analyse scripts and performances and to review live theatre productions. The course will also enhance their literacy and oral skills, helping to develop their understanding of key skills: Describe, Explain, Analyse and Evaluate.

ASSESSMENT METHOD

40% - Understanding Drama (written paper) marked by AQA

- Knowledge of understanding of drama and theatre
- Study of one play from six choices
- Analyse and evaluate a live theatre production

40% Devising Drama (practical) marked by teacher

- Process of creating Drama
- Performance of devised drama
- Analyse and evaluate your own work

20% Texts in Practice (practical) marked by AQA

- Performance of two extracts from one play.
- You can choose the play but it has to contrast to the play you study first.



SKILLS ACQUIRED

- Develop techniques and skills used in other subjects such as English, History and Media Studies.
- Explore literature and language in engaging and authentic ways thus enabling a deeper understanding of text.
- Experience the culture of theatre, playwrights and history of different time periods Appreciate the different opinions and ideas of others.

Specification: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261/introduction>

Assessment: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261/assessment-resources>