

GCSE Drama



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Course Title	Edexcel GCSE Drama
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Course Overview:

- GCSE Drama is a practical subject that will enable you to study Drama in greater depth. Throughout the course, you will develop essential life skills including, team-work, creativity, confidence and communication skills.
- **Component 1:** A devised performance supported with a portfolio.
- **Component 2:** A performance of two key extracts from a play.
- **Component 3:** A written exam about a play and a live theatre performance.

Assessment:

Component One: Devising **40% of the qualification**

Group performance: (15-20 minutes) You will have the opportunity to create and develop an original devised performance as part of a group. The devised performance will be centred on a topic of your choice. For example, peer-pressure, mental health, the London riots or social media. You will be required to include a variety of dramatic techniques in your devised piece including; monologues, duologues and movement work. Furthermore, you will add costume, lighting and props to your performance work.

Portfolio: You will produce a written portfolio about the devising process and the final performance.

Assessment:

- **Component Two: Performance from Text**
- **20% of the qualification**
- **Scripted performance work:** You will perform two key extracts from a play. You could either perform a short monologue, a duologue or a group piece. For example, a monologue from *Find Me* or a group performance from *Teachers*. You will add costume, lighting and props to your performance work.
- **Component Three: Theatre Makers in Practice (Written exam)**
- **40% of the qualification**
- **Section A:** You will practically explore a play as a director and a designer. You will make decisions about the acting, lighting, costume, props and set elements in the play.
- **Section B:** You will watch a live performance. For example, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in The Night-Time*. You will then analyse and evaluate the acting and the design elements in the performance. You will be able to take theatre evaluation notes into the exam.

Additional information:

- GCSE Drama develops transferable skills for progression to the next stage of learning– you will develop a multitude of skills, including collaboration, communication and an understanding of how to amend and refine work in order to make a smooth transition to the next level of study.