



## Drama FAQs

### **Will I be marked individually when performing in a group?**

There are two performance examinations in the Drama GCSE specification, for both of these it is likely you will be working in groups of between three and six students. Although you will perform together, you are always marked as an individual.

### **Will my friends and family have an opportunity to see me perform?**

Yes. For the Devising Drama component you will be able to invite a small number of friends and family to watch the performance, however this is not compulsory.

### **Why will my performance examinations be filmed?**

Both performance examinations will be filmed for assessment purposes. The exam board (OCR) requires us to send them the recordings of the performances to ensure marking is in line with the national standard - these recordings will not be seen by anyone else and will not be available to parents or carers.

### **Will we go to the Theatre?**

Yes (providing they are open). It is important that GCSE Drama students see as much Live Theatre as possible. This will not only influence your own performance work, but will also enable you to complete the 'Live Theatre Review' section of the written exam. We aim to take GCSE students to the Theatre at least three times throughout the course.

### **How much written work do you have to do for Drama GCSE?**

The majority of your lessons will involve you working practically in one of the Drama studios. There are two practical components that have both a performance and written element. These are each worth 30% of the total mark.

In the Devising Drama component the 'written' work can take many forms, e.g. a scrapbook, an essay or even a video blog.

For the Presenting and Performing Text component you will be asked to answer four questions about the character/s you will be playing.

Finally there is a one and a half hour written exam that is worth 40% of your overall grade.