

Subject: Drama

Qualification: GCSE

Exam Board: OCR

Specification Code: J316



Who is the course for?



This is a course for students who have a strong interest in drama. Students who enjoy performing and watching live theatre will thrive on this course. It will also benefit students who enjoy analysing and evaluating scripts, and designing unique interpretations of a range of plays. Students must understand the importance of group work and be committed to their peers. Students must be prepared to perform to a variety of audiences throughout the course.

What will I learn?

The basis of the course is creating drama through responding to a variety of stimuli (text, image, sound, and artefact), the study of a set text and a response to a piece of live theatre. Although a lot of learning is done through practical exploration of text and stimuli, assessment is 70% written and 30% practical.

How will I be assessed?



Component 01/02 (30%) Devising Drama: - students will research and explore a stimulus, work collaboratively and create their own devised drama that will be performed to an invited audience. A portfolio to support the process can be made up of essay entries, sketches, diary blogs, recorded presentations or a combination of these different forms.

Component 03 (30%) - Presenting and Performing Texts: - students develop an exciting and diverse set of performance skills that culminate in a showcase of two extracts from a scripted play. The text will be read as a whole and then contrasting scenes will be developed practically. The performance is assessed by a visiting examiner and a short written evaluation is submitted.

Component 04 (40%) Drama: Performance and Response: - this component has two sections. Students will explore practically and in-depth a set text. Through practical study, they will explore how characters and performance communicate ideas and meaning. They will also evaluate and analyse a live theatre performance. This is assessed through a written examination.

How can I progress with this qualification?

