



## GCSE Drama

### Course Content

This is a practical course that uses drama to explore the world around us and communicate to an audience. This will include devised and scripted work. Throughout the course, an emphasis will be placed on effective communication and working collaboratively. There will also be opportunities to see and evaluate live performance.

#### Component 1: Devising (40%) Internally assessed

- This is about devising work in response to a given stimulus. Students work with others collaboratively in a group.
- Students are required to write an analysis and evaluation of the devising process and final performance. The written portfolio is between 1500 – 2000 words.

#### Component 2: Performance from a Text (20%) Externally assessed

- For this component students study a play-text from which they perform two extracts in front of an examiner.
- The two extracts could take the form of monologues, duologues or group pieces.

#### Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice (40%) Externally assessed

- This is a written exam lasting 1 hr 30min.
- In this component students will explore and study one complete play-text, enabling them to answer questions on one extract from it.
- Students will also visit at least one or two live theatre performances. They will analyse and evaluate what they see in depth in order to answer an exam question.

### Additional Information

To be considered for GCSE Drama, student's school attendance will be taken into account. All coursework is completed during lessons under supervised conditions. Some extra-curricular rehearsals are expected of students in preparation for their performance exams.

### Did You Know...

There are a growing number of professions that value those people who studied Drama as a subject at school. Many colleges and prestigious universities, including Oxbridge, value Drama as an additional subject for all courses. These professions include medicine, law, public relations, journalism, diplomacy, politics, social work, hospitality, tourism and leisure. WHY?... Because of the skills you will develop!

### You will learn how to:

- Become more independent
- Become more responsible
- Become a leader
- Become a better communicator
- Become a good team player
- Develop creativity
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Gain in confidence...and many more!

