



Drama

What will I learn about?

The WJEC Eduqas GCSE in Drama is an exciting, inspiring and practical course.

The specification promotes involvement in and enjoyment of drama. It encourages candidates' creativity, teamwork, self-confidence, communication and analytical skills through the acquisition of knowledge, skills and understanding in Drama and the exercise of the imagination. Learners enjoy practicing drama as performers, audience, readers, devisers, and directors. It provides opportunities for students to develop passion, curiosity, academic skills, and work together to make and explore theatre, see and be in performances and extend their abilities. The subject helps us understand our complex changing world through stories and links to social studies, politics, psychology, history, news, topical issues, literature and current theatre practice.

How will my work be assessed?

There are three assessed units and students also enjoy live performances.

Unit 1 (40%): Devising Theatre Learners participate in the creation, development and performance of a piece of devised theatre using the techniques of an influential theatre practitioner or a genre, in response to a set stimulus. Learners perform their piece and write a portfolio and evaluation.

Unit 2 (20%): Performing from a Text In small groups students must study, learn, rehearse, dress, stage and perform two short extracts of between 5 and 15 minutes of a published play to a moderator and audience.

Unit 3 (40%): Interpreting Theatre 90 minute written exam; Section A: Set Text (A series of questions on one set text), Section B: Live Theatre Review (One question, from a choice of two, requiring analysis and evaluation of live theatre).

What future opportunities can this lead to?

The best universities and employers' welcome students with good Drama results as part of their progress 8. This evidences creativity, stamina, literacy, independence, research skills, critical thinking, pride in work, confidence, communication skills and an interest in other people and the social, political, cultural and historical world we live in. You could also pursue this artistic discipline at KS5 and beyond. Students are also encouraged to get involved in extracurricular opportunities and develop leadership skills.

What jobs can this qualification lead to?

A qualification in Drama is useful in any post 16 pathway, from BTECs to A Levels to Apprenticeships or work as it demonstrates in-demand qualities such as those listed above together with team work, confidence, independence, organisational skills and the ability to work under pressure. Previous students have progressed to work/degrees in a wide range of areas including various English, Performance, Law, Medicine, Film Studies, Social Work, Cultural Industries, Languages, Education, Marketing, Management and Humanities. Most GCSE Drama students do not go on to work as actors: but the confidence, skills, experience and knowledge they have make them attractive candidates in most areas of post 16 study.

Who can I speak to for more information?

For further information about the course or progression please speak to Mr Lee, Area Curriculum Leader: Performing Arts or Ms Rasheed teacher of Drama.