



AQA GCSE Drama

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Overview of the subject	<p>Our GCSE Drama offers students the opportunity to explore drama as a practical art form in which ideas and meaning are communicated to an audience through choices of form, style and convention.</p>
Methods of Assessment:	<p>Component 1- Understanding drama 40% of GCSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Written exam: 1 hour and 45 minutes <p>Component 2- Devising drama 40% of GCSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Devising log (60 marks)Devised performance (20 marks) <p>Component 3- Texts in practice 20% of GCSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Performance of Extract 1 (20 marks) and Extract 2 (20 marks)
Key Content and Topics Covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will understand roles and responsibilities within the theatre and different staging configuration.Students will study a set text by AQA The Crucible and answer 4 questions during the exam on this text.Students will see live theatre and answer a question during the exam on this performance (May 2028)Students will perform a devised performance to an audience and complete a devising log of three sections of coursework, to support the development of this practical work. (June 2027)Students will perform two extracts from the same play text to a visiting examiner (February 2028)
Skills developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Builds your confidence – ideal for the interviewing process and for presentations.Demonstrates creativity – showing skills of innovation and entrepreneurship.Teaches you how to work collaboratively – extremely beneficial when working and problem solving with others.
Progression routes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The course can lead to A-Level DramaThe course can lead to Production Art and backstage roles within the theatre.The course can lead to apprenticeships within the theatre industry or T.V.
Why choose this subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will learn in practical and theory lessons.Students will have the opportunity to explore real life themes and issues in a safe environment through devising and script work.
Course requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The desire to learn more about the world of theatreA critical and analytical perspectiveTechnical IT skills
Student Testimonial	<p>“Drama have enabled me to develop lifelong skills such as teamwork, communication and a passion for performing.”</p>
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students have to attend a live theatre trip to evaluate a performance as part of Component 1, written exam which is compulsory.Workshops with visiting theatre companiesDrama Company- we advise students studying GCSE Drama to be getting involved in extra curricular in or outside of school, to help develop their acting skill set.



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- Students have access to [Home | Digital Theatre+](#) as they should be watching and visiting live theatre performances, to develop their skill set of live theatre and different genres and styles of acting.