



Cardinal
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL



AQA GCSE Drama

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Overview of the subject	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.
Methods of Assessment:	Component 1- Understanding drama 40% of GCSE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 1 hour and 45 minutes Component 2- Devising drama 40% of GCSE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Devising log (60 marks)• Devised performance (20 marks) Component 3- Texts in practice 20% of GCSE <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 entrepreneurialism.• 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 Drama• The 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 theatre• A critical and analytical perspective• Technical IT skills
Student Testimonial	"Drama have enabled me to develop lifelong skills such as teamwork, communication and a passion for performing."
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 companies• Drama 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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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">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. |
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