

Course Title: Drama

Course Code/Codes: 1DR0

Examining Body: Pearson Edexcel

What is the aim of this course?

This course aims to equip you with the knowledge and understanding needed to explore, make, perform, and respond in drama.

You will study engaging set texts and stimuli to perform, direct, design, analyse and explore. There is a practical approach to all aspects of the course; in this way, you will explore theatre from a variety of perspectives, as performers, directors, designers, and analysts.

You will perform to live audiences and experience through practice what it feels like to succeed through hard work, a shared goal and through careful planning and preparation.

This course aims to prepare you for further study in drama and theatre studies, as well preparing you to apply the skills learned to other aspects of your future life and careers.

Why should I choose this course?

Have you ever wanted to be a performer? A lighting, costume, set or sound designer? A director? Do you enjoy watching live theatre and want to know how moments are created from page to stage? Are you interested in people, how stories are told, having a voice, and are interested in theatre as a platform to share it? Through Drama you will regularly practice and develop skills in areas such as communication, presentation, teamwork, leadership, problem solving, initiative and the ability to work to a deadline. If any of this spark your interest, then drama would be great course for you.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Devising

- Coursework: Performer or Design paths available.
- 40% of GCSE

Component 2: Performance from Text

- Coursework: Performer or Design paths available.
- 20% of qualification

Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice

- Written exam: 1hr 30mins
- 40% of qualification

Is this course for me?

Do you... enjoy expressing yourself through practical work? Work well in a group by contributing your ideas? Enjoy working on projects and reaching a shared goal? Are you interested in learning about the world by exploring themes and ideas? Want to try putting yourself in other people's shoes to empathise and explore different experiences and perspectives? Enjoy playing many parts in different imaginary situations? Do you want to create your own drama work and enjoy looking at plays written by other people? Are you interested in going to watch live theatre on school trips? If you answered 'Yes' to any of these, then the drama course is right for you.

Possible career opportunities

There are a range of career choices open to you should you decide to continue your education in drama. These include:

- Actor/Actress
- Stage manager
- Lighting, sound, set, costume design etc.
- Arts administrator
- Dramatherapist
- Television production assistant
- Radio presenter
- Theatre director