



KS4 2025-2027 Year 10 Options – Course Information Leaflet

GCSE Drama

GCSE Drama is an exciting, challenging course which requires students to build knowledge and skills in creating and performing drama. The course will therefore engage students who have a real interest in studying, watching, and performing drama. To build their potential as creative and expressive practitioners, students will be expected to participate in theory tasks, practical activities and to perform their drama work to peers / small audiences.

To achieve their GCSE, students must complete three components:

1. **Understanding Drama** is a written exam paper which tests knowledge and understanding of three key topics: Theatre Roles and Terminology; Study of a Set Text; Live Theatre Review. 40% of the overall GCSE.
2. **Devising Drama** will assess student's ability to create performance work which communicates a clear message or intention to an audience. Students will devise their ideas as part of a group and perform their pieces for assessment. All students will write a performance logbook to analyse and evaluate their work. 40% of the overall GCSE.
3. **Texts in Practice** is a practical component in which students are assessed on their ability to perform extracts from a play to communicate a message or intention to an audience. Assessment will be to a visiting examiner. 20% of the overall GCSE.

Alongside drama skills, the course will build important transferable skills including research and investigation, analysis, positive participation, teamwork, independence, collaboration, creativity, and imagination.

Further information is available from Mrs Eastment, Head of Performing Arts