

In Key Stage 3 Drama you will have been introduced to Drama techniques such as developing characters from scripts and improvisation skills. GCSE Drama is an exciting and challenging course. You will be expected to build on existing skills and create practical work within set limits. Drama will test your ability to co-operate with others, develop ideas during group activities; form an understanding of different theatre styles and require you to provide written evaluations of drama through notes and essays.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Devising Theatre - 40%. You will be assessed on either acting or design. You will participate in the creation, development and performance of a piece of devised theatre using either the techniques of an influential theatre practitioner or a genre. You need to produce:

- A realisation of the piece of devised theatre.
- Supporting evidence.
- An evaluation of the final performance or design.

Component 2: Performing from a Text - 20%. You will be assessed on either acting or design.

You will study two extracts from the same performance text chosen by the centre and participate in one performance using sections of text from both extracts.

Component 3: Interpreting Theatre - 40%. Written exam of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Section A: Set Text. A series of questions on one set text.

Section B: Live Theatre Review. One question requiring analysis and evaluation of a given aspect of a live theatre production seen during the course. We organise a variety of theatre visits costing £0-£30 per trip. It is a requirement that you attend one of these throughout the course.

Further Information

In Drama we work as a team where nobody is more important than anybody else. You must value the work of others as well as your own. The course promotes imagination, confidence, creation and self-awareness. This qualification also forms a sound basis for those intending to study Drama at A-level or for those looking for a career that involves public speaking,

being creative or working as part of a team. It is an exciting and challenging option for those of you who are looking for a subject which allows you to express yourself and develop your creative ability.

Exam Board: WJEC

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