

Drama

Qualification: Vocational Award in Performing Arts - Drama

Exam Board: Eduqas

Level of Achievement: Level 1-2 Pass, Merit, Distinction

For more information

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The Drama course will develop your ability to devise, rehearse and perform a piece of drama. You will be learning about professional practitioners and performing a published play. Later in the school year you will have the opportunity to watch a professional performance either at school or at a professional theatre, this will be essential to the course and it is strongly advised that you attend the trip to develop your understanding of professional drama.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed via coursework. There is no final examination. You will complete 3 pieces of coursework over Y10 and Y11.

September – October (Y10)

Preparing for coursework by learning about a variety of practitioners. You will conclude this with a mock assessment assessed by the teacher.

October – November (Y10)

Unit 2 – Creating (30%): In this unit you will work in a group to devise your own piece of drama. You will be given a brief with a theme stimulus. You will plan, and create an original piece of drama with a group. You will rehearse and develop your performance. You will write coursework assignments based on your choices and how your work develops. You will then perform your piece of drama and write an evaluation on the performance. This assignment is assessed by your teacher and moderated by the exam board.

May – September (Y10 - Y11)

Unit 1 – Performing (30%): In this unit you will learn about a variety of plays. You will read sections from a variety of scripts. Your group will then choose a script to work on. You will learn the lines for this script and rehearse your performance. You will write coursework assignments based on your choices and how your work develops. You will then perform your piece of drama. You then write an evaluation on the performance. This assignment is assessed by your teacher and moderated by the exam board.

October – May (Y11)

Unit 3 – Performing Arts in Practice (40%): You will create a project in response to a creative brief, to experience the professional standard of being a drama practitioner in the 21st century. You will create ideas and pitch these ideas to a panel of judges. Your presentation will show that you have researched, planned and developed your concept. This assignment is marked by the exam board only.

Resources

Performances You will be given free access to the **Drama Online Library** which allows you to watch quality performances from the **National Theatre** at home. You will need a username, password and internet connection to access this. <https://www.dramoonlinelibrary.com/national-theatre-collection>

Knowledge and Key Vocabulary You can also use the following website for excellent information about KS4 drama. This is a great place to check your knowledge and understanding of drama vocabulary and further explore the processes we will use in lessons.

BBC Bitesize Drama (GCSE – Eduqas) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zdb6xyc>