

DRAMA - Option

Examination Board: EDEXCEL



Syllabus Content:

What is GCSE Drama all about ?

(This course is suitable for students who enjoy Drama and wish to develop their analytical, communication and creative skills.)

GCSE Drama follows on from drama work that you will have done at Key Stage 3 (Years 7 – 9), developing your improvisation and acting skills to a higher level. You will also look at plays in more detail and look at different ways of bringing a script alive on stage. Lessons are almost entirely practical.

The course is in three parts:

1. In part one of the course you will use drama to express your feelings and ideas about a range of issues.
2. In part two of the course you will look at a play to see how a playwright expresses their ideas about a theme or topic and explore ways of making the play work on stage.
3. In part three of the course you will have the choice of being involved in the performance of a play from an existing script or taking a performance support option.

Summary of the specification content:

Title	Description
PAPER 1 Drama Coursework (60%)	Six pieces of written work based around a play and a given stimulus. Two pieces of practical coursework – one scripted and one devised.
PAPER 2 Drama Performance (40%)	A practical exam, marked by an outside assessor, comprising <u>EITHER</u> scripted performance or performance support e.g. MAKE-UP, SET DESIGN, LIGHTING, COSTUME.

Examples of plays we have studied and performed include:-

- Teachers
- The Rise and Fall of Little Voice
- Under Milk Wood
- Ghetto
- The Wind In the Willows
- Dr Faustus

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