

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.

Summary of the specification content:

Title	Description
Unit 1: Drama Exploration (30%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploration of creative aspects of Drama• You will create your own pieces of theatre using different forms of stimuli and a range of explorative strategies• Controlled assessment consists of six-hour practical exploration• Written documentary evidence – maximum 2000 words
Unit 2: Exploring Play Texts (30%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploration of a play text. You will study a published play in detail focussing on exploration of character, interpretation and design implications• A visit to a live theatre performance is necessary for completion of the coursework. Trips will be organised to support this.• Controlled assessment consists of six-hour practical exploration of the play• Documentary response – maximum 1000 words• Written response to live theatre - maximum 2000 words
Unit 3: Drama Performance (40%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A devised or scripted play performed to an audience and visiting examiner.• Students may offer acting skills, or performance support and design skills.

Examples of plays we have studied and performed include:-

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

Theatre trips include:-

- The Woman In Black
- Warhorse

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