

**COURSE CONTENT:**Drama engages and encourages you to become confident performers with the skills you need for a bright and successful future. You’ll learn to collaborate with others, think analytically and evaluate effectively. GCSE Drama students will gain the confidence to pursue their ideas, reflect and refine their efforts. Whatever the future holds, students of GCSE Drama emerge with a toolkit of transferable skills, applicable both in further studies and in our ever-changing global workplace.

The subject content for GCSE Drama is divided into three components:

1. Understanding drama

2. Devising drama

3. Texts in practice

**GCSE Drama**

Exam Board

Specification

**https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261**

**Assessment Details**

AQA

**Section 1 - Understanding Drama – 40% Exam**

Study of Blood Brothers, Live Theatre Review, Theatrical Theory – *stage types and positions etc*

**Section 2 - Devising Drama – 40% Practical**

Performance of a devised piece of drama rehearsed in groups. Recorded in the classroom

**Section 3 – Theatre Texts in Practise – 20% Practical**

Performance of two extracts from a play you choose in a group of your choice. Performed to an examiner

**Final Examinations**

**1 hour 45-minute written exam –** focus on performing Blood Brothers and analysing a piece of live Theatre Review.

There is also a performance exam. This is a live performance done in front of an examiner in March of Y11

**Skills/Aptitudes Required for Success**

In selecting GCSE Drama, it is essential that you are committed to Drama, always commit to improving your performing skills, are willing to work as both an individual and group performer and have an interest in Drama

**Staff Contact for Further Information**

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