

AQA GCSE DRAMA

Drama is a successful and high achieving department where pupils gain confidence and enjoy the freedom of creativity through the study of acting and theatre.

The course includes exploring scripted plays, creating devised pieces, theatre trips to see live theatre and studying a set text.

The set text for the GCSE course is 'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell.

We are a team in drama. We:

- Support one another
- Contribute your ideas and opinions
- Listen and value other people's views
- are adventurous, creative and innovative
- Enjoy the freedom and challenge of being creative
- Use divergent thinking (Divergent thinking is a thought process or method used to generate creative ideas by exploring many possible solutions)

Examination Board: **AQA**

Qualification: **GCSE**

Assessment: **60% Practical** **40% Written Examination**

Course Content & Skills:

Component 1 - The written exam is 1 hour 45 mins and comprises of 3 areas:
Section A - Multiple choice (4 marks). Section B - Four questions on a given extract from the set play chosen (Blood Brothers - 44 marks). Section C - One questions (from a choice) on the work of theatre makers in a single live production (32 marks)
The written exam is worth 40% of the final GCSE grade.

Practical Work:

Component 2 - Devising drama - performance of a devised piece. Alongside this, pupils will complete a devising log (coursework) documenting their analysis and evaluation of their own work. (40% of final GCSE grade)

Component 3 - Texts in practice - Pupils will perform 2 extracts from one play in front of an external examiner. (20% of final GCSE drama)

Post 16:

Useful for careers in:

- Theatre
- Media
- Journalism
- Entertainment
- Radio
- Teaching

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Option choice:

Single