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DRAMA

What will you study during the course?

The WJEC Eduqas GCSE in Drama is an exciting, inspiring and practical course. The specification promotes involvement in and enjoyment of drama, as performers and/or designers. Additionally it provides opportunities to attend live theatre performances and to develop skills as informed and thoughtful audience members.

You will study a variety of different dramatic techniques, skills, styles and genres. We engage in, and actively explore, a wide range of activities that are thought-provoking and stimulating, drawing from a variety of situations and contexts that you can relate to.

GCSE Drama encourages you to develop critical thinking skills and become effective and independent learners. With the focus on working imaginatively, collaborating creatively and communicating effectively, Drama is highly beneficial to all students. However, it is those with a passion for the subject who succeed.

How will the course be taught?

You will have 5 lessons of Drama over the two week timetable and one teacher. Lessons will combine practical and theoretical aspects each week. Lessons will be highly practical when preparing for the performance components and lessons will be used as rehearsals. In order to prepare for the written exam, a proportion of lessons will be solely theoretical.

How will your work be assessed?

Component 1: Devising theatre

You will participate in the creation, development and performance of one piece of devised theatre in response to a chosen stimulus set by the exam board. This will involve creating a group performance that either uses the techniques of an influential theatre practitioner or a genre. There will also be a written evaluation of the final performance.

Component 2: Performing from a text

You will study two extracts from a chosen performance text. Using this text, you will create one performance which uses both extracts. This is assessed by a visiting examiner.

Component 3: Interpreting theatre

This is a written exam, lasting 1 hour 30 minutes. You will study in detail (both theoretically and practically) one set text and answer a series of questions about it in the exam. We will also visit the theatre to see a live show, which you will be required to write about in the form of a live theatre review, analysing and evaluating an aspect of the production you've seen. There is therefore, an expectation that students attend at least two theatre trips during their course.

Where can it lead?

There are many things you can go on to do with GCSE Drama. A-Level Drama and Theatre and/or Level 3 BTEC in Performing Arts are currently offered at our Sixth Form. These courses would be highly suitable for someone wishing to pursue a career in the subject.