

DRAMA GCSE

The two year course in Drama prepares for G.C.S.E. examinations in drama. It involves a lot of practical work, which consists of improvisation, script-work, performance skills and working with professional actors and actresses in all-day acting workshops.

Pupils will be expected to work towards two practical examinations, one of which will be examined by an external examiner and performed with an audience. There will also be a study of two plays and a written examination on these at the end of the course. Your approach to these plays is from an actor/director point of view, rather than a pupil studying English Literature. Two pieces of coursework must also be completed; a review of a play you have seen and a written report of your involvement in the first practical examination.

Active involvement in school productions is essential in any capacity – acting, stage design, set construction, lights and sound, stage management.

There will be plenty of visits to the theatre; locally, in London's West End and Stratford-upon-Avon. These visits are a necessary part of the drama course.

It is a very active and time-consuming course; enthusiasm is essential and commitment vital.

In addition to GCSE Drama, we offer an Expressive Arts course for a selected group in Year 9. It is a GCSE completed in one year and involves improvisation, dance/movement and acting skills. The intention would be for this Year 9 group to move onto GCSE Drama in Year 10, where they can achieve their second qualification in Drama.

