

DRAMA

PLEASE CONSULT: Mrs J Firth

TITLE OF SYLLABUS: Drama

QUALIFICATION: GCSE

GRADE RANGE: 1 - 9

WEIGHTING OF ASSESSMENT: CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT: 40%

PERFORMANCE EXAM 20%

WRITTEN EXAM: 40%

PREVIOUS EXAMINATION RESULTS: 2015 - 70%, 2014 - 46%, 2013 - 55%, 2012 - 49%

Course Description:

GCSE Drama is a two year course that combines practical exploration of scripted and devised drama with written evaluation. This is the first year that the course will include a written exam at the end of year 11. The course is made up of the following components;

1. Devising 40% - Students devise a piece of theatre which they then perform. They will record the process in a portfolio made up of written responses, annotations, photographs, audio and video. They will be marked on the performance and the portfolio.
2. Performance from text 20% - Performance of two extracts from the same text chosen by the exam board performed to a visiting examiner.
3. Theatre makers in practice 40% written exam 1 hour 30 mins - Answering questions about a set text which has been explored practically and evaluating a piece of live theatre they have seen.

Please note there is a large amount of written work and good literacy is essential.

Students who do not feel comfortable performing in front of others should be discouraged from opting for this subject as they will have to complete a solo performance at one stage of the course. Students will also be required to read and learn scripts for performances including the practical part of the examination.

Areas of study include:

Practitioners
Brecht;
Stanislavski;
Artaud.

Improvisation;
Devising;
Monologue;
Theatre in education;
Physical theatre;
Script work.

Homework:

There will be regular homework in the way of written evaluations to prepare for the exam. After school rehearsals take place regularly for assessed pieces of work.

Resources and equipment needed:

The standard equipment will be required, pen, pencil, planner and a reading book.

Careers and Further Educational Opportunities:

Drama is a versatile option that encourages creativity and confidence in young people, and can lead to careers such as an actor, teacher, social worker, youth worker or in the media such as radio and television. It can benefit students in any career working with people as it is excellent at encouraging team work.