

DRAMA

GCSE

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Examination Board: Eduqas (WJEC)
Assessment: 40% Devising workshop, 20% Performance exam 40% written exam
(live theatre review and practical study of play text)

What does the course involve?

The course is split into three sections and run over two years, combining practical and written elements. Component 1: Devising Theatre. Students will be assessed on either acting or design. They will participate in the creation, development and performance of a piece of devised theatre, using either the techniques of an influential theatre practitioner or a genre, in response to a stimulus set by the exam board. Students will document the process in a portfolio of supporting evidence and will write an evaluation of the final performance or design. Component 2: Performing from a Text. Students will be assessed on either acting or design. They will study two extracts from the same performance text. They explore the text in practical workshops and produce a final polished performance using sections of text from both extracts. Component 3: Interpreting Theatre. Students will study a play text and explore it through practical workshops. They will also watch and review a live piece of theatre. Students will complete a final written examination lasting 1 hour 30 minutes.

Differences from Year 9

Students explore in depth a variety of genres and practitioners and use their ideas when devising their own piece of drama. Students will complete a written examination under timed conditions. They will also attend more than one theatre production as they will write about performance in the examination.

Skills developed

Students are assessed on devising, performing and interpreting theatre. They develop their communication skills throughout the course, as well as their performance skills and ability to reflect on and evaluate theatre. Students become more confident, cooperative and empathetic while studying drama. This subject allows their social and personal skills to flourish.