

# G.C.S.E. Drama

This course allows students to develop their self-confidence, creativity and performing ability.. It also promotes team-work as students need to perform as a group. The skills drama promotes are suitable for the world of work and university.



## ***What will you be studying?***

The course involves acting, devising improvisation, and analysing a live performance and a set text.

**In Year 10** all students will begin creating a creative blueprint for their set text. This includes acting, costume and lighting.

They will also participate in theatre workshops to develop their practical skills before they begin work on scripts which will be performed as part of their assessment.

They will also visit the theatre to produce a theatre review which they will need for their final examination.

**In Year 11** students will focus on their devised coursework which will be performed and recorded for the moderator. Students will create a portfolio detailing and analysing research and the development of ideas during the process in addition to an evaluation of the performance produced. Students will perform their scripted piece rehearsed in Y10 for a visiting examiner.

They will also revise their written responses on a set text and the theatre review they have produced for their written examination in May.

**Theatre visits are a key element of the course.**

## **How will you be assessed?**

**40% Devised drama and portfolio** - Performance is recorded and assessed by the teacher alongside the written portfolio and assessed by a moderator.

**40% Written examination** lasting 1hour 45 minutes. This is based on questions on a play and a theatre review.

**20% Practical Scripted performance** – Two sections of script are performed for an examiner.

## What skills will I develop?

The Drama course provides a wide range of skills that complement most other areas of study.

There is great emphasis on team working, building students' confidence and interpersonal skills.