



# GCSE Drama



**Exam Board: AQA**

## Subject Information

Drama is a well-respected academic and vocational GCSE course which can lead directly to A-Level Performing Arts and Theatre Studies but also a desirable course for many other fields. Drama will create independent thinkers with skills in research, working with others, analysis, evaluation, communication, time management, ICT, problem solving, planning and organisation.

## Key Content

**Component 1 Understanding Drama** Pupils study the performance challenges of a set text. They will also go to see a live performance and will be required to write a live theatre evaluation. This work leads directly to the written examination.

**Component 2 Devising Drama** Pupils explore a stimulus resulting in a final practical performance. Alongside the practical work they must create a log book that documents the creative process.

**Component 3 Texts in Practice** Pupils explore a play text and prepare two performances of extracts from the script. These can be monologues, duologues or group pieces.

## Assessment

<b>Component 1</b>	Written exam	40%
<b>Component 2</b>	Final devised performance and log book	40%
<b>Component 3</b>	Final performance of 2 extracts (marked by an external examiner)	20%

## Additional Information

Pupils work in groups in Drama and so some homework will need to be completed in the Drama studios after school. During practical work preparation, pupils need to commit to one after school performance rehearsal each week.

The dates for the practical examinations are non-negotiable.

Lines must be learnt for Component 3.

Each pupil must own a copy of 'The Crucible' and we recommend re-reading this regularly.

Independent Revision tasks are on Class Charts.