



Drama – GCSE

Exam board and Specification code: Edexcel 1DR0

Available Grades: 9 - 1

What is studied?

Component 1: Devising

In this component, you will create and develop a devised piece of drama from a stimulus. To support your practical work you will create a portfolio; this can be written or recorded verbally. This will cover the creating and developing process plus the analysis and evaluative process. You will have the choice of being a performer or a designer.

Component 2: Performance from a text

In this component, you will either perform in and/or design for two key extracts from a performance text. In the scripted work, you will demonstrate your understanding of the text and its characters, through your acting or designing.

As a performer you will be assessed on Vocal and physical skills, Characterisation and communication and Artistic intention and style/genre/theatrical conventions.

As a designer you be assessed on Design skills, Communication and contribution to performance as a whole and Artistic conventions and style/genre/theatrical conventions.

Component 3: Written Exam - Theatre Makers in Practice

For this exam you will study and practically explore a set text and watch a live theatre performance.

There are two sections to the written exam:

- *Section A: Bringing Texts to Life.*
In this section you will answers questions from a performer, director and designer's point of view, looking at technical and practical aspects.
- *Section B: Live Theatre Evaluation.*
In this section you will analyse and evaluate a live piece of theatre.

How is it studied?

A mix of written and practical aspects; including writing and contributing to performances, watching and analysing theatrical performances and considering the different roles in a dramatic setting.

How will you be assessed?

Component 1: Devising

This is an internally examined piece of work consisting of a written portfolio which contributes 30% to the final grade and a devised performance which is worth 10% of the final grade.

Component 2: Performance from a text

This is an externally examined practical piece of work which contributes 20% to the final grade.



Component 3: Written Exam - Theatre Makers in Practice

This is a written exam which is taken in the Summer of Year 11 and is worth 40% of the final grade.

Who is this subject suited to?

You should choose Drama if you want to develop your self-confidence, if you want to develop your speaking and listening skills, if you like learning in a practical way, if you like discussing different issues, if you like working in groups and independently, if you like visiting the theatre, and if you enjoy reading/studying plays.

What does this subject lead to?

The skills you develop from studying Drama are useful in many jobs and careers especially careers in acting and theatre. GCSE Drama could lead on to further study in Drama, Theatre Studies, Performing Arts and Expressive Arts at A-level and above, or other related subjects such as English, Music, Dance, Art and Design.

Career opportunities for students who study Drama at a higher level include: the media, theatre, television, radio, the film industry, arts administration, drama therapy, education.