



Edexcel GCSE Drama



What is it all about?

GCSE Drama is all about understanding what it is like to put yourself in somebody else's shoes. You will play many parts in different situations. You will have the opportunity to create your own work, as well as explore plays written by other people.

You will gain an understanding of a range of Drama and Theatre experiences. It will give you an increased confidence in communication skills and an important qualification valued by employers and in Further Education. You will develop self and group awareness, imaginative, creative and social skills.

GCSE Drama is for you if:

- You have lots of *energy*
- You enjoy working with other people as part of a *team*
- You like being *challenged*
- You have an *active imagination* and have lots of ideas
- You know how to have fun, while being *very disciplined*
- You have an *interest* in television and theatre production
- You are looking for a subject that can be *academic and practical*

The course is in three parts:

- In **Unit 1: Drama Exploration**, you will use a range of drama activities to explore a theme, topic or issue. It is worth 30% of the GCSE and is two thirds practical and one third coursework.
- In **Unit 2: Exploring Play Texts**, you will use a range of drama activities to explore a script. You will also be given the opportunity to watch and evaluate live theatre performances. It is worth 30% of the GCSE and is one half practical and one half coursework.
- In **Unit 3: Drama Performance**, you will contribute as a performer to a performance of your choice based on an assignment brief set by the exam board. This is externally assessed by a visiting examiner and is worth 40% of the total GCSE marks. It is entirely practical.

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