

DRAMA



Examination Board: EDUQAS

[GCSE Drama](#)

Course Description:

The course aims to provide experience of Drama in its widest sense, ranging from practical exploration to theoretical analysis and evaluation. Drama is a dynamic practice that introduces students to a world of wonder and play. Drama encourages students to continually question, explore and tease out new ideas and ways of living and thinking. Through creation and performance, students will acquire specialised theatrical skills in acting, design and direction.

Assessment:

Component 1 - Devising Theatre non-exam assessment: internally assessed, externally moderated 40% of qualification

Learners will be assessed on either acting or design. Learners participate in the creation, development and performance of a piece of devised theatre using the techniques of an influential theatre practitioner and genre, in response to a stimulus set by EDUQAS. Learners must produce:

- a realisation of their piece of devised theatre (15 marks)
- a portfolio of supporting evidence (30 marks)
- an evaluation of the final performance or design (15 marks)

Component 2 - Performing from a Text non-exam assessment: externally assessed by a visiting examiner 20% of qualification

Learners will be assessed on either acting or design. Learners study **two** extracts from the **same** performance text chosen by the centre. Learners participate in **one** performance using sections of text from **both** extracts.

Component 3 - Interpreting Theatre written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes 40% of qualification

Section A: Set Text

A series of questions based on one set text from DNA by Dennis Kelly.

Section B: Live Theatre Review

One question, from a choice of acting or design, requiring analysis and evaluation of a given aspect of a live theatre production seen during the course.

Why study Drama?

Connection, communication and expression are all things that humans desire. Students have the opportunity to experience empathy, identification and expand their cultural awareness. They will explore stories that will spark their imagination and creative stimulation. By studying Drama, students will improve their negotiation and communication skills. Studying Drama is demanding and teaches students that success only comes from hard work.

Further information about the course can be obtained from Miss Dennett, Head of Drama Department.