

GCSE Drama



INTRODUCTION

Want to be a Performer? Lawyer? Actor? Dancer? Confident Person? The GCSE in Drama can help you with the social skills needed for any job. The course engages and encourages students to become confident performers and designers with the skills they need for a bright and successful future. Students will engage and participate in performance, they will devise drama, explore texts practically and work on two text-based performances.



Students can choose to develop as a:

- performer
- designer (lighting, sound, set, costume, puppets)
- performer and designer

Whichever option they choose, students can be sure to gather many invaluable skills, both theatrical and transferable, to expand their horizons.

WHAT TOPICS WILL I STUDY DURING THE COURSE?

Over the course of the subject, we will be looking at a set text and also exploring two extracts from a contrasting play for assessment. We will then look at staging and directing a play as well as lighting and sound development. We will also be studying drama practitioners such as Brecht, Stanislavski and Frantic Assembly. From this we will devise a piece of theatre inspired by one practitioner.



WHAT SKILLS WILL I USE AND DEVELOP?

In this GCSE you will develop the following Drama skills:

- voice** – pitch, tone, volume, accent and diction
- characterisation** – body language, facial expression, posture, levels and relaxation
- technical theatre** – lighting, sound, direction, staging and marketing
- transferable skills** – teamwork, confidence, empathy, leadership and independent learning

WHAT EXAMINATIONS WILL I TAKE?

AQA GCSE Drama

HOW WILL MY WORK BE ASSESSED?

Understanding Drama – Written exam on a set text – 40%

Devising Drama – Creating, performing and evaluating your own work – 40%

Text in Practice – Performing extracts from a play – 20%

HOW WILL THE COURSE HELP ME WITH MY FUTURE CAREER?

This specification ensures continuity for students progressing from GCSE Drama to AS and A-level Drama and Theatre. Pupils could also explore a vocational qualification through a BTEC Performing Arts course.

Students learn to collaborate with others, think analytically and evaluate effectively. They gain the confidence to pursue their own ideas, reflect and refine their efforts.



WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Miss Wright (ewright@theoaksacademy.co.uk) or Mr McGhee (cmcghee@theoaksacademy.co.uk).