



Performing Arts: Drama

QUALIFICATION NAME: Drama

EXAM BOARD:

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WHY OPT FOR DRAMA?

Drama is an exciting and challenging course designed to further the ability of students who really enjoy acting and the theatre. The course is heavily practical and will require students to study and perform play texts and create their own original dramas. The content of the work is best suited to students who are able to think creatively. At Chiltern Edge we have seen students whose entire life and school experience has been transformed through taking drama at KS4. Taking the option at KS4 could truly be a life changing experience!

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY:

Component 1: Devising Drama

Students will create their own devised performance based on a chosen stimulus from the exam board stimulus paper. In addition to the performance, students will be marked on an accompanying portfolio with evidence of the process and decisions made whilst creating and developing their performance.

Component 2: Presenting and Performing Texts

Students will take part in a showcase, demonstrating their chosen skills in a live performance. Students will perform in two performances from one text. Students will be required to produce an accompanying document which outlines their intentions for and approach to the performance showcase.

Component 3: Performance and Response:

This component requires students to study text and performance. For Section A, students study one performance text in detail: Willy Russell's Blood Brothers. This section of the paper will contain questions which require short and medium length answers. It assesses students' knowledge and understanding of how drama is developed and performed.

In Section B, students will be required to analyse and evaluate a live theatre performance they have seen using accurate subject-specific. This means we HAVE to go to the theatre!

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED:

Component 1 – Devising Drama

- Marks: 60
- Non-examined assessment marked by teacher.
- 30% of GCSE

Component 2 – Presenting a Performing Texts

- Marks: 60
- Non-examined assessment marked by a visiting examiner
- 30% of GCSE

Component 3 – Performance and Response

- Marks: 80
- 1.5 hour exam
- 40% of GCSE

THEATRE TRIP:

In order to prepare students to respond to Section B in the exam, students will need to see some live theatre.

Students will be taken to the theatre in Year 10 and again in Year 11.

“What is drama but life with the dull bits cut out” - Alfred Hitchcock

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