



# Drama and Theatre Studies

## Edexcel

### Year 12

Each year the devising unit has proved a great success with themes such as the death penalty, ghosts and mental health. Within this unit students can explore subjects that interest them and use drama technique such as physical theatre, script writing, mime and camera projection.

#### Component 1: Devising

Content overview

- Devise an original performance piece.
- Use one key extract from a performance text and a theatre practitioner as stimuli.

#### Assessment overview

- 1) A handwritten/typed evidence between 2500 - 3000 words
- 2) The devised performance

### Year 13

We will study a complete play text in a practical and fun way! Rehearsing and performing scenes, building a set and using lighting and sound to enhance our understanding of the play. We also take a trip to the theatre to see a play. Previous trips include Woman in Black, Curious incident of a dog in the night time, King Lear and Rebecca.

#### Component 2: Text in Performance

Content overview

- A group performance from one key extract from a performance text.
- A monologue or duologue performance from one key extract from a different performance text.

#### Assessment overview

- 1) Externally assessed performance by a visiting examiner.

#### Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice

Content overview

- Live theatre evaluation
- Practical exploration and study of a complete text – focusing on how this can be realised for performance.
- Practical exploration and interpretation of another complete performance text

#### Assessment overview

- 1) Written examination 2 hours and 30 minutes
- 2) Live Theatre Evaluation

#### Links Well With:

Drama and Theatre Studies links particularly well with History, English, Sociology, Philosophy and Ethics, but also complements the Sciences well and provides a creative and rigorous academic option at KS5.

#### Progression Routes:

Drama and Theatre Studies gives students the ability to specialise in Drama or the Performing Arts at University or at a Drama School. The subject helps develop communication, analytical, language and interpersonal skills and as such would be of benefit in all work places.

#### Entry Requirements:

GCSE Grade 5 Drama and Grade 5 English. If you have not taken GCSE Drama you will need to show that you have previous experience in a Drama group.