



# OPTIONS 2026 - Drama

# DRAMA

## GCSE



# **‘THINK’** **DRAMA**

**Do you enjoy expressing yourself in an active and dynamic way?**

**Do you like to collaborate with others?**

**Do you want to explore real issues to create original and interesting pieces of drama?**

**Would you like to visit the theatre and take part in workshops with professional actors and directors?**

**Then DRAMA GCSE is the right choice for you!**



If you already have a heavily academic programme of options, it is important to have a **creative outlet** during the week.

Take the opportunity to express yourself using a creative or practical subject like **Drama**, as it is needed!







**What transferrable skills do you gain?**

- **Verbal and written** communication skills.
- **Teamwork and leadership** skills
- **Problem solving**
- **Time management** – Working to and meeting deadlines.
- Practical application of **IT and research** skills.
- **Presentation and articulation** skills essential for public speaking.
- **Empathy** is an **invaluable life skill**.
- **Confidence and motivation**.
- **Analytical and critical thinking** skills.

# DRAMA GCSE COURSE OUTLINE

## **Component 1 – Understanding Drama**

**40% of overall mark**

- **1 hour 45 minute written exam**
- **- Section A – 4 multiple choice questions**
- **Section B – Questions about ‘Blood Brothers’ by Willie Russell**
- **Section C – Live Theatre Evaluation**

## **Component 2 – Devising**

**40% of overall mark**

- **Devised performance in groups  
(marked by your teacher)**
- **Accompanying 2,500 word logbook.**

## **Component 3 – Perform from a text**

**20% of overall mark**

- **Learn and perform two sections of a scripted  
performance (Adult Child Dead Child or DNA)**
- (marked by an external examiner)**

# **COURSE TIMELINE**

## **Year 10**

- **You will learn about 4 different Drama Practitioners.**
- **Complete component two worth 40%. You will devise a performance and an accompanying portfolio.**

## **Year 11**

- **Complete component three worth 20%. You will explore a play called 'DNA' by Dennis Kelly or Adult Child Dead Child by Claire Dowie.**
- **In summer, you complete Component one worth 40% which is the written exam.**
- **In both years you will also have the opportunity to undergo numerous workshops and trips to the theatre.**



# Trips, Workshops & performances



Trips, workshops and performances have included:

- Working with the **Old Vic Theatre**.
- Working with and performing at the **Kiln Theatre**.
- Working with and performing at the **Donmar Warehouse Theatre**.
- Taking part in the **Spoken Power poetry slam** with a show.
- Performing at the **Arts Awards Evening showcase**.

This is to name a few!







**GCSE and A level Drama qualifications, are recognised by all major universities in the same way as any other GCSE or A level qualification.**

Drama GCSE paves the way to study Drama further and become an actor, but that **isn't the only option.**

**Director/ Film  
maker**



**Lawyer**



**Teacher**

**A FEW CAREERS YOU CAN PURSUE WITH A DRAMA  
QUALIFICATION!**

**Actor/  
Actress**



**Marketing/  
Events**



**Make-up artist/  
Designer**



**Journalist/  
presenter**



**Social  
worker**



**WATCH THIS  
VIDEO:**





A stage with red curtains on the left and right sides. A spotlight shines down on a wooden floor in the center. The background is a blue and purple gradient.

**THANK  
YOU!**