

Syllabus: PEARSON EDEXCEL GCSE DRAMA 1DR0

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What we aim to do

Drama is a challenging and incredibly rewarding subject. It teaches us about the world and people around us; it encourages us to work collaboratively and creatively with others; it helps us to develop critical, reflective thinking and in addition to learning practical communication skills, drama students develop confidence. If you enjoy the challenge of working with other people, sharing ideas and watching and performing original dramas, you will enjoy Drama!

What we study

The GCSE Drama course has three key components:

1. A devising drama unit, where you will create and perform a devised performance from a stimulus in the possible forms of photographs, poems, song lyrics, news events, themes or myths. You will carry out research, develop your ideas, collaborate with others, rehearse, refine and amend your performance work and analyse and evaluate the process of creating the devised drama in a portfolio.
2. A text-based performance unit, where you will perform two key extracts from the same play to an audience, including a visiting examiner. You will be given a mark for your acting skills, interpretation and artistic intentions.
3. A written exam, in which you will be assessed on your knowledge and understanding of how drama and theatre is developed and performed, including your responses to a set play you will study and your ability to analyse and evaluate a live theatre production you will see.

Skills needed

You may have done some acting before or helped out backstage on a theatre production at school or outside of school. You may have always wanted to have a go at making a play, performing, making costumes, building a set or operating the lights but never had the chance. You may enjoy analysing and evaluating live theatre and plays from different times and places. You will enjoy this course if you enjoy working as part of a team as Drama involves a lot of group work.

How your work will be assessed

Component 1: Devising (coursework) 40% of the qualification

Component 2: Performance from text 20% of the qualification

Component 3: Theatre makers in practice (written exam) 40% of the qualification

What this subject can lead to when you finish Year 11 at The Hollyfield School

We offer the A-Level Drama and Theatre course at The Hollyfield 6th Form Centre. It is a more challenging course, in terms of the academic content, written components and practical papers, so we advise students to aim for a GCSE grade 6 or better in order to meet those challenges most comfortably.

Possible careers

You could go on to study Drama or another Performing Arts related subject at a higher level. But GCSE Drama is NOT just about training actors...

There are a number of subject-related careers, from performance to stage management, production, direction and script-writing. Other career options include drama therapy and theatre-in-education. The transferable skills you gain from doing drama can lead to careers in multiple fields such as performing arts, media, business, law, advertising, sales, hospitality and tourism.

Many of our former students have successful careers in the performing arts: some appear on the West End Stage, in films or on TV; others work as producers or directors. Several have fulfilling jobs in arts administration or education. Please check out the Drama Micro-site section of the Hollyfield School website for further information.

Additional information/special requirements

n/a

Relevant website links for further information on the course/subject

Specification: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/drama-2016.html>

Careers: www.nyt.org.uk/

<https://discovercreative.careers/#/>

<https://www.opendoor.org.uk/>

