

Why study Drama?

Drama builds confidence, teaches team work and social skills and enhances and refines performance skills and artistic expression. Drama GCSE explicitly teaches widely transferable, active skills such as: collaboration, experimentation, creativity, essay and creative writing, technical design and much more. We also have Redland Hall, our state-of-the-art performance space as well as the Performing Arts Centre, meaning our facilities are second to none.



What will I study?

You will have the chance to explore drama in many ways. 40% of the course content focuses on devising new material from a stimulus. We study a range of published texts and explore them practically through workshops and performances. We study many different styles and dramatic techniques from all across the world and throughout time. From the theatre of Ancient Greece to Shakespeare to contemporary work, Drama GCSE gives you a chance to try it all. There is also the option to study theatrical design (lighting, sound, costume etc).

How will Drama benefit me?

Drama GCSE strikes the perfect balance between being a fun, engaging and practical subject and being rigorously academic. The course is not only designed to equip students with performance skills but also to teach the value of in depth textual and performance analysis and understanding. Beyond this, the course helps build confidence in public speaking, cements interpersonal skills and pushes your artistic and creative mind.

ASSESSMENT

The course is comprised of two non-examined assessment components and one written examination.

Devising theatre (40%) includes creating an original piece of performance work and an accompanying portfolio. This is internally assessed by your teacher.

Performing from a text (20%) involves performing extracts from published texts.

The written exam (40%) encompasses a series of questions on a set play and a live theatre review.