

## DRAMA

**Type of Qualification:** GCSE

**How it is assessed:** A combination of practical and written assessment

### **Course Overview:**

- Drama GCSE involves working in a variety of ways from devising, shaping and performing.
- Students will study a variety of Drama practitioners and playwrights and learn how their work affects the way performance work is created.
- Different genre, styles and conventions will be studied and used throughout the course. There will also be the opportunity to learn about technical aspects of Drama – lighting, sound, props and scenery. Everything is aimed to enable the student to create and perform their own theatre.
- Students will begin to consider their own artistic intentions and that of others; they will research and present the cultural, social and historical influences on their own work and others.
- Studying Drama provides students with the opportunity to learn about many different topics and interesting characters. They will build the skills to be able to perform confidently in front of audiences; as well as to produce their own exciting and engaging pieces of theatre.
- Students will learn all about team work, and be expected to work as a 'company' (just like a professional theatre company!).
- The course consists of three units: Devising Drama (creating original drama from a stimulus), Presenting and Performing Texts (the study and performance of scripts) and Drama: Performance and Response (a practical, in-depth study of a play text and a review of a piece of live theatre).
- The first two units of work consists of an assessed Drama performance and one major piece of coursework. The final unit is a written examination assessment.

### **Post 16 and Career opportunities:**

Drama at GCSE aims to prepare students to study Drama or Performing Arts. Many students go on to jobs in the entertainment industry, but Drama can help students access almost any career or higher education subject. The skills students learn in Drama are invaluable and can be applied to a variety of careers. Employers and education providers alike are looking for confident young people who are committed and focussed. If students are able to take the initiative and work well in a team they are opening the door to a career of their choice. The skills they learn in Drama will help them to achieve their goals.