

Both pathways

What is Drama?

Drama is the exploration of life and its issues through performance. It inspires creativity and confidence while exploring play text and practitioners, while considering social, historical and cultural contexts.

Course Content:

In Drama the emphasis is placed on the pupil learning through experience. GCSE Drama is a course that caters for pupils who have the ability to think through real-life situations in depth and show an understanding of other people's views and opinions. It is important that pupils value the process of creating as well as the product. Ideas are shared through role plays and improvisation. Pupils will also study a variety of prescribed theatre texts and must have the ability to analyse and evaluate them within a written exam.

Assessment:

Component 1: Devising. (Practical supported by written evidence).

40% - 60 marks. Internally marked and externally moderated.

Component 2: Performance from text.

20% - 48 marks. Externally assessed.

Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice.

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes duration.

40% - 60 marks.

Trips, Resources and other opportunities: (Subject to Covid-19 Regulations)

There is an annual theatre trip to enable completion of coursework. A variety of sessions are run, focused on rehearsing for performances. All pupils are given the opportunity to perform to audiences, including parents and peers. Furthermore, there are occasions when KS4 pupils develop leadership through working with and teaching younger pupils.

Pupil Quotes:

"Drama allows you to express yourself creatively in ways you cannot in other subjects."

"It not only boosts your confidence but is really fun."

"It is an excellent subject to analyse and evaluate your own work and the work of others, orally and in written response."

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Exam Board:

Subject:	Board:	Syllabus Code:	Examination/NEA/Coursework
GCSE Drama	Pearson	1DR0	Exam & Performance