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GCSE Drama Video before
looking through the powerpoint**

What will I study?



The set text is
Blood
Brothers.
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in the exam.

Component 1: Understanding drama

What's assessed

- Knowledge and understanding of drama and theatre
- Study of one set play from a choice of six
- Analysis and evaluation of the work of live theatre makers

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour and 45 minutes
- Open book
- 80 marks
- 40% of GCSE

Questions

- Section A: multiple choice (4 marks)
- Section B: four questions on a given extract from the set play chosen (44 marks)
- Section C: one question (from a choice) on the work of theatre makers in a single live theatre production (32 marks)



We explore the
set text practically
in performance
and design
aspects

We watch a
play either live
or online for
you to analyse
and evaluate



You will be given a wide variety of stimuli to create drama. This could be a photo, painting, poem, sculpture, story, book or music or many other things.

The performance will be recorded and sent to the board.

Component 2: Devising drama (practical)

What's assessed

- Process of creating devised drama
- Performance of devised drama (students may contribute as performer or designer)
- Analysis and evaluation of own work



How it's assessed

- Devising log (60 marks)
- Devised performance (20 marks)
- 80 marks in total
- 40% of GCSE



This component is marked by teachers and moderated by AQA.

You will work in groups and can offer performing or designing as your skill.

Your devising log can be written or an audio or video recording.

You will offer either acting or design for your skill in 2 extracts from the same play. You will either perform a monologue, duologue or a group piece.



Component 3: Texts in practice (practical)

What's assessed

- Performance of two extracts from one play (students may contribute as performer or designer)

Free choice of play but it must contrast with the set play chosen for Component 1

How it's assessed

- Performance of Extract 1 (20 marks) **and** Extract 2 (20 marks)
- 40 marks in total
- 20% of GCSE

This component is marked by AQA.

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by
John Godber

This is performed to a visiting examiner and recorded for the board.



Will I enjoy the course?



We expect you to enjoy performing or the design aspects of theatre.



You are most likely to enjoy this course if you enjoy working with other students for very intense periods of time.



If you are creative, imaginative and you enjoy the challenge of problem solving and exploring plays.



If you love performing to other people and expressing how you really feel about issues.



If you have an interest in the design aspects of Drama. We will cover set, costume, lighting and sound design.

Did you know?

Research from the London School of Economics asked hundreds of business leaders to list the skills they most value in employees.

They then examined the skills of all the courses on offer at schools.

Which subject do you think was the best match?

Drama

Skills and qualities that I will experience on the course



Quotes from current year 11 GCSE Drama Students

Drama helped me get out of my comfort zone and work with others because we had to share different ideas or interpretations of what we study. I enjoyed learning more about how behind the scenes worked as well as what happened on stage.

Drama is a subject that lets you explore your creativity and your mind in surprising and fun ways.

It has helped me improve my confidence and learning scripts in groups is lots of fun.

I thoroughly enjoyed doing Drama for GCSE. It helps you gain a lot of confidence and teaches social skills as well as its theatrical side. I enjoy the amount of teamwork involved during the course and how much freedom it gave all of us for our creativity and ideas.

I really enjoy GCSE Drama because I love working in a team with like-minded individuals to create pieces of theatre. I also enjoy learning about other aspects of theatre for example lighting and set; I found these topics to be very interesting!

I am so glad I chose Drama for GCSE as not only do I want to become an actress, but I was able to build more friendships with people I may not have before and learn new communication skills. I particularly enjoyed the practical side of Drama, especially the devised performances and exercises exploring different drama styles.

I enjoy drama because it allows you to become confident within yourself and will help you be confident for the future. I took drama to experience the whole performing life and to make new friends that I wouldn't normally speak to.

Drama has helped me to feel more confident about myself.

You can use it as an escape.

I enjoy drama because you get to express yourself and your feelings through someone else's shoes.

I enjoy Drama because it is a completely different way of learning and it enables you to look at things, life and people through a different lens.

I enjoy GCSE drama as it allows me to boost my confidence when speaking in front of others, in a safe and happy place!

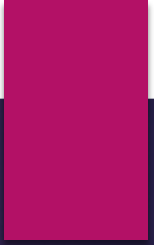
► Quotes from current year 10 students

It's also really good because I love getting to know people better through it and know that they love the same thing as you.

I love drama because although I'm not the most confident person it lets me be someone other than myself for a lesson and I can just pretend to be a confident.

What's more fun than living another life for a lesson.

You can express yourself and be yourself.



**If you have any questions
please ask either
Mrs de Lancy Green or
Miss Nixon-Young.**