

# DRAMA

**Subject Leader:**  
Mrs. Hunter

**Exam Board:**  
BTEC

Drama fosters important life skills such as:

- Critical thinking
- Presentation/ performance to an audience
- Working with others
- Self Evaluation and Self Confidence
- Working to deadlines
- Creative and imaginative thinking

As a practical subject it is a good balance with other subjects. We have had students doing Physics, Maths and Drama. English and Drama go well together.

## **OPTION ONE:** **GCE Advanced A Level Drama**

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#### **Unit 1 – 40%**

Students explore two contrasting play texts in a practical and creative way. A set of exploration notes must be submitted. Students experience live theatre performance and submit an evaluation.

#### **Unit 2 – 60%**

Students demonstrate their skills in the performance of a professionally published play.

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#### **Unit 3—40%**

Students devise and create an original piece of theatre.

#### **Unit 4—60%**

Students explore a set of plays from a historical period from the point of view of a director in both an academic and practical way.

Students experience a live theatre performance. This is a written exam.

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**OPTION TWO:****BTec First Diploma in Performing Arts** (worth 4 GCSEs)

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This course is suitable for people who prefer a more practical approach. They will learn the life skills needed to run a company, and to manage and deliver a project.

**Students will:**

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- Form their own company
- Choose their own play
- Perform to an audience
- Market and publicise the event.

The course is divided into two units.

**Skills Learnt / Skills fostered**

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- Running a Business
  - Marketing and advertising
  - Collaboration and Cooperation
  - Working to deadlines
  - Acting and performing
  - The ability to present oneself through increased confidence
  - Creativity and the use of the imagination
  - Managing a budget
  - The technical side of Drama such as the use of sound and lights.
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