



Drama GCSE

AQA



The Course Structure

Component 1 Understanding Drama

Component 2 Devising Drama

Component 3 Texts in Practice



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 (Pupils have a fresh copy of the playtext)
- 80 marks
- 40% of GCSE



Component 2

Devising Drama

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 (sat in Year 10)



Component 3

Texts in Practice

What's assessed

- Performance of two extracts from one play. 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



Learning to...

- analyse a live performance critically
- interpret and perform a script
- devise a performance and reflect on the process analytically
- textually analyse a set text and consider how to stage the play.



Skill Development

Communication, problem solving, co-operation, debating, independent learning, confidence, organisation, imagination, analysing, critiquing, self and peer reflecting, writing, storytelling, memorising, taking direction, directing, evaluating, public speaking, presenting, technical skills and a whole host of other skills.