

# COURSE GUIDE - DRAMA

## WHAT IS DRAMA?

- Are you good at working independently?
- Do you like working in groups?
- Are you committed to your studies, and enjoy working on an end project?
- Do you enjoy performing?
- Have you the confidence to stand in front of others and express how you are feeling?

If you answered “yes” to most these questions then taking Drama in Year 10 could be a great choice for you.

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The GCSE course is made up of three areas:

1. Understanding Drama: 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
2. Performing Drama: Students will learn how to create and develop and perform a devised theatrical performance. You will also produce an individual Devising log documenting their devising process and an analysis and evaluation of their contribution.
3. Performance of two extracts from one play.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Over the two years you will study two texts. One of which will be performed. You will perform two practical exams over the two years, a devised pieces and a scripted piece. You will also need to attend a theatrical performance and sit an exam. The exam will be based on the performance you saw and the performance you did. In addition to this you will also have to keep a detailed log of your progression.

## HOW CAN I PROGRESS?

GCSE Drama is a well-respected qualification and is highly recommended because of its requirement to work in groups, have confidence and work towards a final goal with commitment and drive.

If you wish to take it further as a study area you can continue by studying a BTEC in performing Arts (LV3) or an A level in Theatre Studies. From here you can then apply for University for a BA in Theatre Arts, something that the Academy has done extremely well over the past few years.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you choose Drama at GCSE you will be expected to take an active interest in the performing Arts department in rehearsals and performances. Therefore it is an expectation that you attend regular after school rehearsals, and evening performances. It is also a compulsory requirement to attend the theatre in Year 11.

