

Drama

Technical award – EDEXCEL

Subject Leader: Miss Lacy

What's it all about?

The course allows students to develop and demonstrate competence in a range of practical, creative and performance skills. Students are encouraged to work imaginatively and creatively in collaborative contexts, generating, developing and communicating ideas. The course provides a 'real life' insight into the world of acting and prepares students with the requisite skills needed to apply for drama school or audition for semi-professional and professional work.

Who should take it?

Drama students should have a keen interest in a wide range of theatrical styles and a passion for being on stage and performing. If you are determined, resilient and have a desire to succeed, this is the right course for you! You must be prepared to attend extra-curricular rehearsals.

What will I learn on this course?

The qualification develops students' sector-specific knowledge and skills within a practical learning environment. Students will learn how to develop their acting style and skills, study the effective ways of working in the performing arts industry and develop the knowledge that underpins effective use of skills, process and attitudes in the sector. Students are given opportunity to prove their aptitude by reproducing repertoire or responding to stimuli.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Exploring the performing arts. This is an internally assessed unit of work requiring students to study the roles, responsibilities and application of skills within the industry. They study this through observing existing repertoire and by learning about the approaches of practitioners and how they create and influence performance material. It is worth 30% of the overall grade.

Component 2: Developing skills and techniques in the performing arts. This internally assessed unit allows students to take part in workshops and classes where they will develop technical, practical and interpretative skills through the rehearsal and performance process. It is worth 30% of the overall grade.

Component 3: Responding to a brief. This is an externally assessed task requiring students to apply performance skills and techniques in response to a brief and stimulus developing a group performance for a selected audience. It is worth 40% of the overall grade.

What do our current students say?

"Drama is fun and I am able to express another side of me."

"I enjoy the lessons and this subject has developed my confidence."

Is there anything else I need to know?

You will be required to attend extra-curricular rehearsals and evening performances that showcase assessed practical work. Additionally, you will be expected to take an active role in school productions. The department organises a range of educational visits and workshops to the theatre throughout the year.

Who can I contact for further information?

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