

Why Drama?

Drama gives you the opportunity to use your imagination and express yourself in a creative and practical way. It helps you to develop important skills such as problem solving, communication, planning and creative thinking. It is particularly suitable for those who love being creative, getting their ideas across in a dramatic way and communicating their ideas with others.

Course Outline

Drama is a practical, hands-on subject that develops your creativity and imagination, and your artistic skills. You will learn how the use of voice, language and movement can develop your ideas for drama. Also you will learn the skills and techniques involved in planning, producing and presenting drama. You will also find out how actors and writers work, and how the environment and culture affect their work.

DRAMA NATIONAL 5

Details of Course Components

The course is similar to **National 4**, but you will have to produce a higher standard of work.

Drama Skills

In this part of the course, you will :

- develop your drama skills and ways of communicating thoughts and ideas to an audience
- learn how to respond to stimuli (things that prompt ideas for drama)
- develop your understanding of how to portray character
- learn about form, genre and style when creating and presenting drama structure,
- reflect on your own progress and that of others

Drama: Production Skills

In this part of the course, you will:

- explore and develop your production skills and use these skills to present drama
- use problem solving skills in order to generate ideas for presenting drama

ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed on an on-going basis throughout the course.

Course work does not contribute to your overall grade

The course assessment for this course consists of two components:

- performance (60 marks—60% overall)
- examination question paper (60 marks—40% overall).

The question paper will be set and marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

For the performance component, you will create and present a drama. This will be set by school and assessed by an SQA visiting assessor.

The course assessment is graded A–D.



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Career Areas—Drama

- Theatre, Film, TV and Radio
- Teaching
- Communications and Media
- Design, Production and Writing

Courses in Turriff Academy

Higher Drama
National 5 Drama
National 4 Drama

Useful websites to help you with your choices:

www.myworldofwork.co.uk
www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

Further advice and information on these options is available from your subject teacher, guidance teacher and careers adviser.