

DRAMA

NATIONAL 5

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 transferable skills such as problem solving, communication, planning, teamwork and creative thinking. Drama gives you the freedom to explore, imagine and be yourself!

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE

Pupils who have achieved National 4 drama in S4 or are achieving level 4 work in S3 have the potential to do well at National 5 level. Most pupils choose to act as their main course element but there are opportunities to focus on other production skills such as lighting or costume design as your final performance assessment.

COURSE OUTLINE

Drama is a practical, hands-on subject that develops your creativity and imagination, and your artistic skills. The National 5 course is split into two main units; DRAMA SKILLS and PRODUCTION SKILLS. These units prepare you for what route you will choose in terms of your final performance.

The course culminates with a final 'performance'. This can be through acting or a portfolio of work for your chosen production skill. This is assessed by a visiting assessor in March of Term 3 and pupils sit a written exam in Term 4.

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DRAMA SKILLS

In this unit 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, structure, genre and style when creating and presenting drama
- Reflect on your own progress and that of others

PRODUCTION SKILLS

In this unit you will:

- Explore and develop your production skills knowledge and application
- Use problem solving skills in order to generate ideas for presenting drama
- Use these skills to present a drama

FINAL EXAM

The course culminates with a final practical assessment of either acting or a portfolio of your chosen production skill (i.e. lighting) as well as a 400 words essay describing your process for your chosen role. This is assessed by a visiting assessor in March of Term 3 and worth 60% of the final grade.

There is also a written exam in Term 4 worth 40% of the final grade.



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CAREERS & SKILLS

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The following careers are directly linked with drama;

Actor – stage and screen
Costume Designer
Lighting Technician
Sound Technician
Director
Producer
Playwright
Choreographer
Marketing
Drama Teacher
Theatre Manager
Artistic Director
Jobs within Theatre
Film / TV industry
Media
Author



SKILLS DEVELOPED IN DRAMA THAT CAN BE USED IN DIFFERENT CAREERS

The following skills developed in drama that can be used in different jobs and careers;

Confidence
Creativity
Resilience
Communication
Organisation
Time Management



STAFF

Mrs Borthwick



OTHER COURSES

Drama N4
Drama Higher
Drama NPA

