

## GCSE DRAMA

### Introduction

Howden School is offering a new Drama GCSE designed to inspire students across Years 9, 10 and 11. This course is split between three units and students will study a range of different areas of Drama.

### Components

The new GCSE is divided into three new components. The classroom focus remains practical; however there is a set amount of written coursework and a written examination alongside this.

#### **Component 1:**

##### **Understanding Drama (written examination)**

**40%**

**80 Marks**

This exciting written examination is split into three sections

##### Section A

Students will learn about roles and responsibilities in the performing arts industry

##### Section B

Students will study a set text through practical workshops and demonstrate understanding in a written exam.

##### Section C

Students will attend Live Theatre and learn how to analyse and evaluate the performances seen.

**Component 2:**

**Devising Drama (practical)**

**40%**

**80 marks internally assessed**

In this devising project, students have the opportunity to create their own work.

Students will devise and perform a new piece of theatre in a specific style using a stimulus provided by the teacher (20 marks)

Students will produce a working log book which evidences their thought process and devising ideas from the beginning to the end of their work (60 marks)

**Component 3: Texts in Practice**

**20%**

**40 marks assessed by visiting AQA examiner**

This purely practical component gives students opportunity to showcase their skill to an examiner and gives them chance to explore a play thoroughly to interpret and communicate character through acting skills.