

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.