

Subject Information Options 2015-17

Below is useful information from departments that should be used to help choose your option subjects. If you require any further information please speak to the member of staff responsible for the subject.

Option Subjects

		Subject
		Drama
	Exam Board	Edexcel
	Syllabus number	4240
	Member of staff responsible	Mrs J Hodgkiss
	Accreditation	GCSE
Exam Information	How many?	Three practical exams. Two six hour exams (Unit 1 and 2) and one 20 – 30 minute performance (unit 3)
	When taken?	Years 10 and 11
	Percentage of final mark	Units 1 and 2 = 30% Unit 3 = 40%
Coursework Information	How many?	None
Controlled Assignment Information	How many?	Students are required to complete three controlled assessments.
	When taken?	To be completed in response to practical exams (Units 1 and 2) and Live Review of Performance. Years 10 and 11.
	Percentage of final mark	30%
Brief outline of subject		GCSE Drama encourages students to develop critical thinking skills and become effective and independent learners. With the focus on working imaginatively, collaborating creatively and communicating effectively, GCSE Drama provides a solid foundation for further Drama studies and vocational opportunities.
Characteristic of students who succeed in this subject		Students who are prepared to experiment with new ideas and are supportive of their peers. An interest in learning creatively is essential, as well as being able to manage themselves, and others, in practical situations. Students who will succeed will be competent at reflecting on their own and others progress and critically evaluate in the written form.
Relevant information that may be important		GCSE Drama is essential for those wishing to go on to college or university to do advanced performance courses and very useful for those considering jobs where having the confidence to meet the public is part of their everyday working practice.
Advisory Entry Level Requirement		Level 5+ English, Mathematics and Science to be able to access subject specific language and identify research methods and calculate statistics.