



Curriculum Overview

Curriculum Area: Drama

Year: 11

Curriculum covered

Autumn Term

Pupils will complete their performance and written coursework which is worth 40% of their GCSE exam. They will watch and study a live theatre performance of 'Things I know to be true' for their written exam. They will then go on to study the scripts that they will be performing for their externally assessed performance exam.

Spring Term

Pupils will have their performance exam before half term, where they will learn two scripts and perform them for an examiner who will visit the school.

After half term, they will prepare for the written exam, by looking at questions on theatre roles and responsibilities, Blood Brothers, and the live theatre performance of 'Things I know to be true'.

Summer Term

Pupils will prepare for the written exam, by looking at questions on theatre roles and responsibilities, Blood Brothers, and the live theatre performance of 'Things I know to be true'. They will take their written GCSE exam.

Internal Assessment

Pupils will complete their performance and written coursework in the Autumn term this year.

Pupils will complete all exam work this year. They will complete the performance exam (20%) and the written exam in May (40%). They will complete a mock exam, before their actual exam along with timed questions in class.

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Exam Board/Exam Paper Requirements/% Weighting

Students will be studying AQA GCSE in Drama For their coursework, pupils will:

- Study a range of stimuli
- Create a group performance (10% of the GCSE)
- Write a log based on their devised performance (30% of the GCSE) **For the performance exam, pupils will:**

- Learn two extracts from a play and perform them in front of a visiting examiner (20% of the GCSE)

For the written exam, pupils will:

- Undertake a written exam for 1:45 (40% of the GCSE)
- Learn and write about roles and responsibilities in the theatre
- Study the set text of 'Blood Brothers' and answer questions about the play in the exam
- Study a live theatre performance, which is currently 'Things I know to be true'

Helpful resources/revision guides/websites/exam preparation

Year 11 involves learning lines, studying the set texts, and learning about roles in the theatre. Year 11 also includes theatre visits for the set texts for us to study live theatre performances.

Pupils can prepare by undertaking thorough research on their performance text, rehearsing, and learning their lines. They can then look at examples of excellent exam answers.

They must also study the themes, characters, and the social context of 'Blood Brothers' and read the play numerous times. They must watch 'Things I know to be True' numerous times, making notes on the characters, their vocal style, body language and facial expressions.

Useful website are:

BBC Bitesize
Digital Theatre Plus
Digital Theatre
Theatres Online