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# OBHS KS4 Subject information

(Optional subject)

Title of course:  
GCSE Drama

Teacher of Drama: Miss E Balmer  
Curriculum Leader: Mr P Jay



# Course Overview

## Why study .....?

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GCSE Drama helps students to develop skills that they can take on with them to further education or future jobs. It is not only for students who want to become an actor, there are many other transferrable skills students will learn over the course of the 2 years.

These include:

Team work – learning to work with others to produce a piece of work. It will help develop patience and communication skills

Improvising and problem solving – as part of the GCSE you are asked to improvise, so thinking on your feet and adapting to different situations

Gaining confidence – Drama helps with this immensely. As you continue through the course this confidence will increase through performances and working with students who you might not have done so before. This will also help with evaluating work and seeing how to improve on it in a supportive and fun environment.

Drama is relevant to a variety of jobs including barristers, broadcast journalists, writers, youth workers, teachers and TV presenters.



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## Examination and assessment: Examination board: AQA

GCSE Drama consists of three components which you will begin to study in Year 10 and complete in Year 11

Component	What you will complete	Percentage of GCSE	Internal/External
Component 1: Understanding Drama	One set play from a choice of 6, analysis and evaluation of a live performance. This is a written examination completed at the end of Year 11	40%	External written exam 1 hour 45 minutes
Component 2: Devising Drama	Devised performance from a given stimulus (20 marks), written log to accompany (40 marks)	40%	Internal examination
Component 3: Texts in Practice	Performance of two extracts from one play (20 marks for each performance)	20%	External examination



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## Examination and Assessment: Examination Board: Edexcel

How will students be assessed throughout the course?

- Regular mini performances throughout the course
- Exam question practice to apply knowledge and understanding to meet the demands of the exam questions
- Regular feedback through teacher, peer and self assessment
- Year 10 mock exam
- Year 11 mock exam