

# Drama

Head of Performing Arts - Mr R Harper

## **The Course:**

GCSE Drama is a fresh, exciting and vibrant course of study. The department works creatively using Drama, not only as a means of self-expression, but also to build skills beyond the arts. We offer a wealth of social, artistic and practical sessions to enrich the life experiences and thus the well-being of our students.

## **Unit 1 – Devising a Performance (40%):**

Create and develop a devised piece from a stimulus through a practical and engaging exploration of drama.

## **Unit 2 – Exploring and Performing from a Play (20%):**

Practical exploration and performance of a script understanding the themes, characters and story-line.

## **Unit 3 – Understanding Drama and Theatre (40%):**

Practically explore and study one complete play with an exam as well as experiencing live theatre as a member of an audience.

## **What could it lead to in Sixth Form?**

A Level in Theatre Studies  
A Level in Performing Arts  
BTEC National in Performing Arts  
Creative and Media Diploma

## **What careers/University courses would this subject help me to enter?**

### **Possible University Courses**

Performing Arts Degree Courses (Foundation and BA Honours)  
Higher Apprenticeships in the Arts

### **Possible Careers**

Any Drama, Theatre or TV related careers including; Actor, Broadcast Presenter, Dancer, Musician, Theatre Director and Theatre Stage Manager.  
In addition, due to the essential skills covered throughout the course, many careers can be pursued involving any form of public speaking.

# Music

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## **The Course:**

GCSE Music is an exciting hands on course to study. In each area of study, you will explore and be involved in a range of performance, composing and listening activities.

### **Unit 1 – Performing Music (30%):**

You will need to perform 4 minutes as a vocalist or on an instrument. You will perform both solo pieces and as part of an ensemble.

### **Unit 2 – Composing Music (30%):**

Produce two compositions with a combined length of at least 3 minutes by creating and developing musical ideas. One piece will be to fit a brief the other is a free choice.

### **Unit 3 – Listening and Appraising (40%):**

You will take part in an exam where you will respond to questions based around 8 pieces you have studied during the course. This will include pieces from the following areas of study: Instrumental music, Vocal music, Music for the stage and screen and Fusions.

## **What could it lead to in Sixth Form?**

A Level in Music

A Level in Music Technology

BTEC National in Music

## **What careers/University courses would this subject help me to enter?**

### **Possible University Courses**

Music Degree Courses (Foundation and BA Honours)

Higher Apprenticeships in the Arts

### **Possible Careers**

Musician, Composer, Tutor and any job that relates to any area of the music industry such as retail, recording, producing, live venues, radio and TV. In addition, due to the essential skills covered throughout the course, many careers can be pursued if involving any form of creativity.