

# DRAMA

at SCGSG

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**OCR - Specification J316**

## An introduction to GCSE Drama:

GCSE Drama provides a curriculum to ignite and engage students' creativity, passion and interests.

It also provides freedom for students to experiment and take risks with their work. It will provide opportunities to explore the work of others and to work independently to create their own drama performances making informed artistic choices.

GCSE Drama is a great subject to choose if you enjoy exploring ideas through practical work and like to use your imagination to create characters and stories. It gives you lots of transferable skills especially in public speaking which will help you in later life.

You don't need to be loudest or the most confident but you should enjoy the subject and be keen to take on the challenge!

## Why choose Drama?

It allows students to study Drama in an academic setting, interrogating this art form and applying their knowledge and understanding to the process of creating and developing drama and to their own performance work.

### A practical approach to assessment:

There's a high percentage of practical assessment (40%) which includes a portfolio.

### Skills to help students stand out:

The specification aims to create independent thinkers with skills in research, working with others, analysis, communication, time management, IT, problem solving, planning and organising.

## How is the course assessed?

### Devising Drama (30%)

Students will create their own performance work based on a chosen stimulus from the examination board (10%). They will also produce a detailed portfolio documenting and explaining their creative process (20%).

### Presenting and Performing Texts (30%)

Students will perform two scripted pieces demonstrating their acting skills in a live showcase (20%). They will also produce a written document communicating their intentions and key decisions made (10%).

### Performance and Response (40%)

There is a written examination, Section A will be on a studied play assessing knowledge and understanding of how drama is developed and performed. Section B will be an analysis and evaluation of a live theatre performance they have seen using accurate subject-specific terminology.



## GCSE and Beyond...

Students can choose to stay with us and build upon their GCSE experience and take up the A-Level Drama and theatre course. Students can go off to Drama school or to continue Drama at university.

Some of our students will study acting, musical theatre or they choose to focus on technical theatre!