

Curriculum information for Drama Year 11

Which exam board and course are used?	AQA GCSE Drama, specification 8261/W
What curriculum topics are being covered this year?	<p>Written examination – 40%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage space, stage configurations; theatre roles. • Around the World in 80 Days <p>Practical examination (two performances) – 20%.</p>
How many exams have students got and what is covered in each one?	<p>As year 11 is the final year of the GCSE course, students complete both practical and written examinations which represent the final 60% of the GCSE (40% completed in year 10):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Examination: tbc 2024 • Practical Examination – tbc, Feb 2024
What should students be focusing on?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing their practical skills for performance work (acting, set, lighting, sound, costume). • Completing research to guide practical ideas. • Experimenting in practical work with theatrical style, techniques and • Learning all content taught in preparation for final examination.
What is the best way for parents to support students in this subject?	<p>Ask them about their current performance work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which skill have you chosen? / Which role are you playing? • What are you trying to communicate to the audience? How? • Listen to them say their lines – comment on vocal tone / facial expression / eyeline • Ask them to explain / show their design ideas • Encourage them to research to develop their understanding of their chosen role. <p>Ask them to tell you about their set play, ‘Around the World in 80 Days’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The story / the journey around the world • What is Fogg / Fix / Passepartout / Mrs Aouda? How does the multi-roling work • Are any of the characters like anyone we know / famous people? How and why? • What would the set / costumes / props / puppets / lights for this play look like? <p>Ask them to tell you about the play that they saw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the story? • Can you tell me the style and genre of the performance? • Which actors did you like best? Why? • Can you give me an example of a section which you particularly liked and why? • What did you think of the play? • What did (particular actor) do which impressed you? How did they create their character(s)?
What websites and resources would be helpful? What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources on Teams. • Re-read Around the World in 80 Days– every student has a copy • Exam board resources - http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261