

Next steps!

If you want to find more about this GCSE Drama course then you can:

- visit the Edexcel website at www.edexcel.com/gcse2009
- talk to the Head of Drama at your school who will be able to describe the course in detail and advise you of what you need to do next when it comes to your options.

Drama Question:

What is the longest running play in the world?

Drama Answer:

(b) The Mousetrap

Edexcel GCSE Drama



STUDENT GUIDE

Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy:

- expressing yourself in an active and exciting way
 - working in a group
 - contributing your ideas and taking onboard those of others
 - exploring ideas by putting yourself in other people's shoes
 - playing many parts in different imaginary situations
 - creating your own drama work
 - looking at plays written by other people
- then our GCSE Drama is the ideal subject for you.

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What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?

You will probably have had experience of drama during Key Stage 3 in drama lessons or, perhaps, in English lessons. You may also be a member of a drama club. Any of these experiences can help if you choose drama as a GCSE subject. You will develop your improvisation and acting skills to a higher level. You will also look at plays in more detail and at different ways of bringing a script to life on stage. If you are more interested in the technical aspects of drama (for example set design or lighting) you could focus on these for part of the course.

What will I learn?

You will learn:

- how drama is created, including all the acting and staging skills that are needed to put a piece of drama on to the stage
- how to create a character and play this character in a performance
- many skills that are highly valued in any walk of life including teamwork and confidently presenting yourself in public.

Drama Question:

What is the longest running play in the world?

- (a) Cats
- (b) The Mousetrap
- (c) Dogs of War
- (d) Julius Caesar

How will I be assessed?

Almost all assessment is practical. There are no written examinations although you will be required to keep a written record of your practical work.

You will explore themes, ideas and plays in a wholly practical way and your teacher will assess how well you have done.

You will also be required to perform in a play or contribute a form of design to a production such as costume, lighting or sound. You will perform the play with a visiting examiner in the audience.

What can I do after I've completed the course?

After you have completed GCSE Drama you can go on to higher levels of study.

These include:

- GCE Drama and Theatre Studies at AS and A2 Level
- BTEC National Performing Arts (Acting).

