

RESULTS (2009)

A* - C = 78%

DRAMA EXTRA'S

Weekend Residential at The Conway Centre - in previous years Drama students have spent a weekend working with professional directors, playwrights and theatre practitioners. This opportunity may be offered to committed and talented students next year as well.

School Show - all Drama & Performing Arts students are actively encouraged to take part in the annual show, whether as performers or a member of the production team.

WHAT NEXT WITH DRAMA?

Drama develops interpersonal skills, confidence, self-esteem and many transferable skills that employers value.

Entertainment and Media are the fastest growing industries in the country - Drama will help to prepare you with the skills needed to enter this exciting field.

If you wish to develop your skills further you could take AS/A level Drama & Theatre Studies at Barrow Hall College.

If you want more information about GCSE Drama please see Mr Egan or speak with your Drama teacher.

GCSE Drama



Want to develop the interpersonal skills that employers value so highly?

Enjoy performing or want to develop skills in lighting, sound, costume or make-up for the theatre?

Want to explore issues in an exciting and dynamic way?

Could you benefit by developing your confidence and powers of self-expression?

GCSE Drama

ASSESSMENT: 60% Coursework 40% Final Exam

COURSEWORK:

The coursework unit is split into two parts:

UNIT 1: In this coursework unit you will develop an understanding of ideas and issues by using drama to explore a range of topics. You will devise your own pieces of structured drama in response to a starting point and be marked on how you develop and evaluate your work.

UNIT 2: In this coursework unit you will develop an understanding of scripted plays. You will explore a complete play, focusing on the interpretation of characters, themes, set design, costume and other theatrical devices. Metamorphosis and The Crucible are two of the plays currently studied.

ASSESSMENT OF COURSEWORK:

Assessment for Unit 1 will take place in the Summer Term of year 10 & assessment for Unit 2 will take place in the Autumn Term of year 11. Assessments will be in the form of two, six hour workshops. You will be assessed by the teacher whose marks are then moderated.

WRITTEN WORK:

At the time of assessment you will also have to produce a **'portfolio of documentary evidence'** to support your practical work. This written evidence is worth 30% of your coursework marks and its importance should not be underestimated.

Unit 3: FINAL EXAM:

This will take place between February & May of year 11. You will have the option of being assessed on your performance skills or specialising in theatre craft (lighting, sound, costume, make-up). You will work as a member of a team to put on a performance that will be assessed by an external examiner.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

The collaborative nature of drama necessitates students work in groups - any absences can present difficulties for students. This is particularly true during the Coursework Assessment Workshops when any absence can affect the students' mark. You will be given more information nearer the time on dates when your son/daughter must attend Assessment Workshops.

Homework will be given up to twice a week. Students will usually be asked to evaluate the work that they have been doing in class or research a topic. This will help them in writing their Coursework Portfolio.

Students are encouraged to go to the theatre as often as possible. This does not necessarily have to be a professional production, as evaluating any live performances will help them when they have to write their Coursework Portfolio. A course requirement is for all students to evaluate a live performance and the Drama Department will organise either a theatre trip for students or a touring production to come to school. This will happen in both year 10 & year 11 at which time a voluntary contribution may be requested.