

# GCSE Drama

## Exam Board: Edexcel



# GCSE Drama Overview

## **Component 1 Devising 40%**

In groups or design pathway

Coursework, Portfolio on a Computer

## **Component 2 Performance 20%**

Using a set script or design pathway

## **Component 3 Written Exam 40%**

‘Theatre in Practice’

# Exam Grades

Edexcel GCSE Drama grades (9-1) are based on **performance and written exams**, with grade boundaries shifting slightly each year depending on difficulty.

- Grade 4 is a standard pass (around C)
  - Grade 5 a strong pass (high C/low B)
  - Grade 9 is the highest achievement

# Requirements

Able to perform in front of an audience **or** ability to design a technical element for a piece

Willing to participate in a range of performing and design styles



# What do I need in order to study Drama?

- A keen interest in different styles of Drama.
- A willingness to try different things and work in groups, pairs, or on your own.
- Creativity, dedication, self discipline, the ability to meet deadlines, teamwork and an open mind.
- Good skills in English to allow you to write evaluations and reflect on your work.



# Design Pathway

1. Make Up
2. Costume
3. Lighting
4. Set and props
5. Sound

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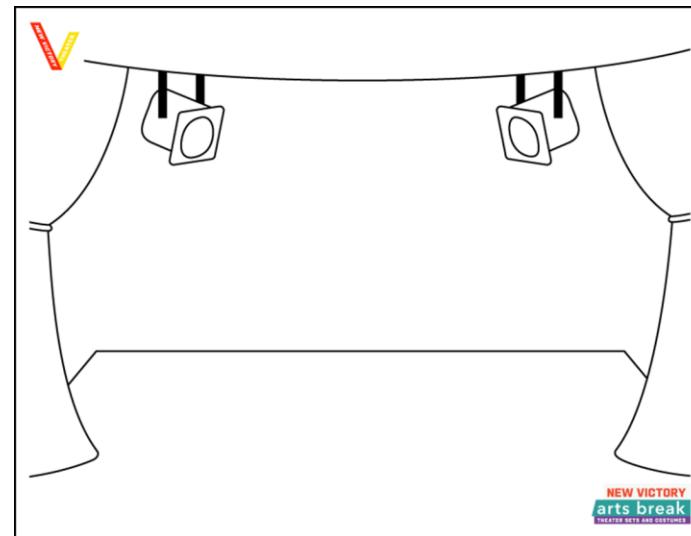
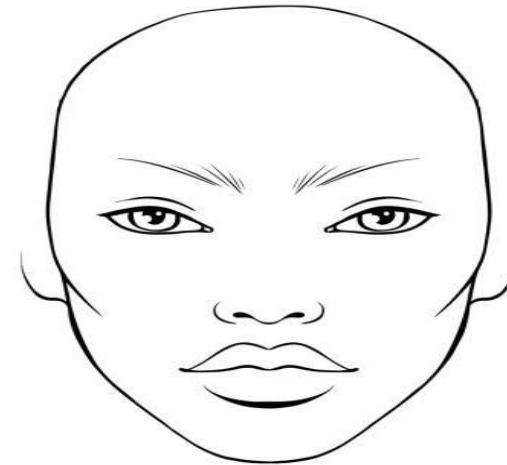
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## Costume Design Worksheet

Character Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Costume Items Needed

Top: \_\_\_\_\_

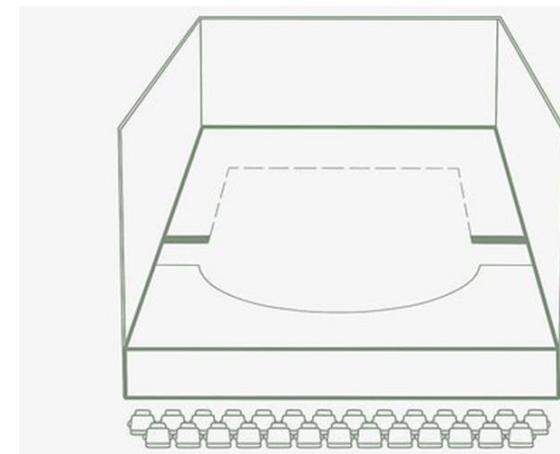
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Shoes: \_\_\_\_\_

Accessories: \_\_\_\_\_



Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Performance Pathway

- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ Self-discipline
- ▶ Commitment
- ▶ Problem solving
- ▶ Responsibility
- ▶ High standards
- ▶ Teamwork
- ▶ Confidence
- ▶ Time management
- ▶ Independence
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Motivation
- ▶ Fitness
- ▶ Creativity



# Other Activities for the future

- Theatre trips
- Talent Show
- School Production
- Lowry workshops
- Warrington Royal Vale and Priestley College workshops and trips
- Manchester University trips
- National Theatre Projects
- Local community performances



# Why take GCSE Drama?

Gain confidence  
Creativity  
Personal expression  
Independent work

Leadership  
Problem-Solving  
Critical thinking  
Design skills

Teamwork skills  
Communication skills  
Developing Oracy skills  
Practical exploration



# What next?

- BTEC Level 3 Dance/ Drama
- A Level Dance/ Drama or Theatre Studies
  - BTEC/A Level Performing Arts courses
- Drama degree/Performing Arts degree at University
- Drama can be easily combined to compliment many other subjects including Dance, PE, Music, Art, Business, Science, English, Textiles/Design

# Drama and your carer

- ▶ Drama critic/journalist
- ▶ Physiotherapist
- ▶ Stage Manager
- ▶ Drama for film director, producer, editor
- ▶ Teacher



- ▶ Community drama practitioner (young children, youth work, elderly and the disabled)
- ▶ Costume designer
- ▶ Drama company administrator
- ▶ Actor/actress
- ▶ Play wright
- ▶ Director





# Student Views



# Questions



If you have any further questions about the GCSE Drama Course  
please ask Mrs Poland or Ms Gardner

Thank you!