

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

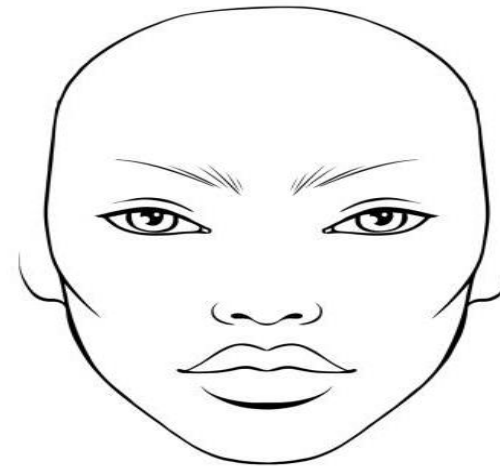
1. Make Up
2. Costume
3. Lighting
4. Set and props
5. Sound

FACE CHART

FACE

EYES

LIPS



Costume Design Worksheet

Character Name: _____

Costume Items Needed

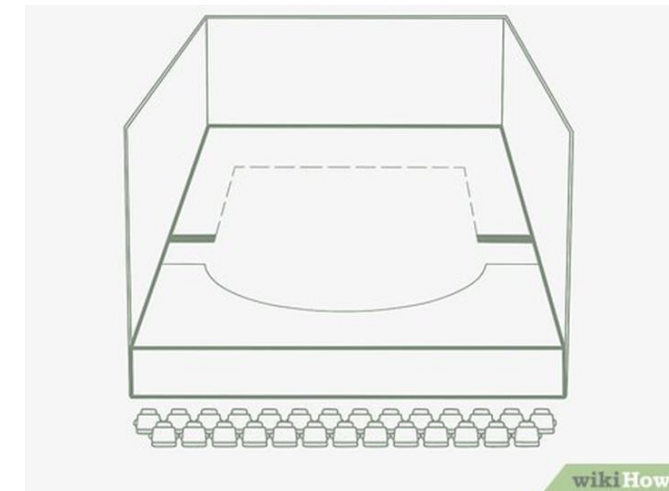
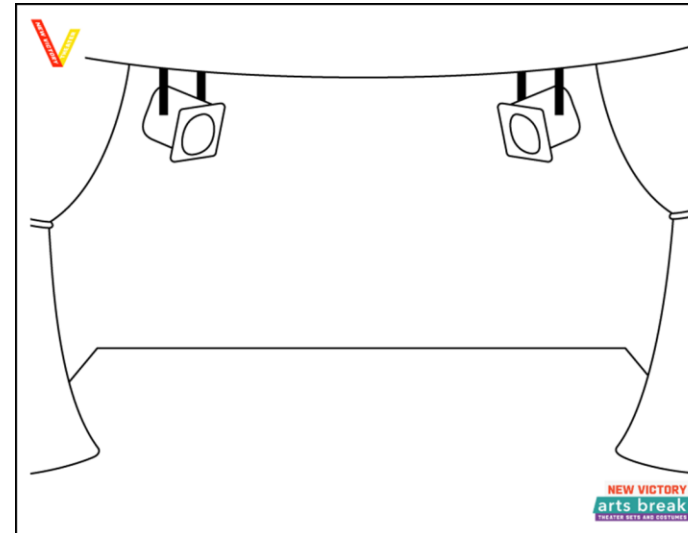
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Notes: _____



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!