


HOW IS DRAMA ASSESSED AT GCSE?

Component 1: Understanding Drama (40%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge and understanding of drama and theatre• Study of one set play (Blood Brothers)• Analysis and evaluation of the work of live theatre makers• Written Exam: 1 hour and 45 minutes (80 marks)	
Component 2: Devising Drama (40%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Process of creating devised drama• Performance of devised drama (students may contribute as performer or designer)• Analysis and evaluation of own work• Assessed through a Devised Practical Performance (20 marks) and a Devising Log (60 marks)	
Component 3: Texts in Practice (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance of two extracts from one play (students may contribute as performer or designer)• Free choice of play but it must contrast with the set play chosen for Component 1• Practical examined performance (40 marks)	



WHERE ARE THE TRANSFERABLE SKILLS?

Key transferable skills:

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Creativity
- Presenting
- Analysis Skills
- Research Skills
- Performing
- Evaluation Skills



WHERE CAN DRAMA GCSE TAKE YOU?

Typical career paths:

- Actor
- Producer
- Director
- Cinematographer
- Event manager
- Arts journalist or critic
- Costume/set/lighting designer
- Playwright
- Stage manager
- Marketing
- Educator
- Law and police

For further information, please discuss this evening, or with your child's Drama teacher during Progress Evening on **Thursday 5th February 2026**

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