# WBS – GCSE PREFERENCE INFORMATION 2026 - 2028

# GCSE: DRAMA

# Examining Board: OCR

## Subject Leader: Mr M Henson

## Teachers: Mr M Henson

GCSE Drama if a fantastic course that can broaden the school experience for students. It can also develop vital communication, teamwork, creative and problems-solving skills so important in working life whilst also enriching their cultural and creative life.

**Course Overview:**

Component 1 – ***Devising*** - 30% of the GCSE (coursework)

- As part of a group students devise and perform an original piece of theatre inspired by a stimulus. It is marked individually.
- Individually they produce a portfolio evidencing and evaluating the creation process. This can be a mixture of written recorded evidence.
- The unit can be studied as performer or as a designer potentially focusing on lighting, set, costume or sound design.
- This unit is internally assessed by WBS teachers.

Component 2 – ***Text in Performance*** **-** 30% of the GCSE (coursework)

- Students perform or design two extracts from a published of our choice.
- Students can choose to perform a monologue (speech on their own) a duologue (with a partner) or a group piece.
- We get to choose the plays that students perform.
- The unit can be studied as a performer or designer potentially focusing on lighting, set, costume or sound design.
- This unit is externally assessed by a visiting examiner in the Spring of Year 11.

Component 3 – ***Performance & Response (Written Exam)*** - 40% of the GCSE

- 1 hour 30-minute exam.
- Section A – The study of a set play text chosen by the teacher from a selection provided by the exam board. We study this both practically and in theory. Students answer 8 practical questions.
- Section B - An evaluation of a live theatre experience – we usually have a theatre visit in each year of the course.

Around this course structure are great opportunities to explore, experiment and develop students' knowledge and experience in Drama.

**About the Exam and/or Non-Examined Assessment:**

Component 1 – **Devising** – (30%)
Internally Assessed
(Years 10 & 11)

Component 2 – ***Text in Performance*** – (30%)
Externally Assessed
(Spring of Year 11)

Component 3 – ***Performance & Response*** – (40%)
Written Exam
(Year 11 Exam Season)