

Parent Guidance on how to support your child with their Drama Exams



How is the GCSE in Drama assessed?

The GCSE in Drama is made up of 3 units:
Unit 1a Practical = 40% of Final Grade
Unit 1b Controlled Assessment = 20% of Final Grade
Unit 2 Practical = 20% of Final Grade
Unit 3 1 1/2hour written exam = 20% of Final Grade

Practical units are assessed on 5 strands –

Understanding and development of character
Use of Voice
Use of body/movement
Listening and responding
Power to engage

Written will be assessed on –

Rationale
Development
Performance

At Redruth School we run the GCSE course in Drama offered by the WJEC Exam Board

www.WJEC.org.uk

When is the Exam?

Unit 1 – Autumn term
Unit 2 – Spring term
Unit 3 – 19th May am

Extra support sessions

Intervention runs on a Tuesday and Friday 3-4pm. A specific revision session for Unit 3 will be held on Thursday 26th March 3-5pm all students are expected to attend. Another session will be held before the exam date in May TBC.

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The drama teachers can be contacted via their school E mail address and via the school phone number.

Text

FACE the play by Benjamin Zephaniah and Richard Conlon

This is the text students will be studying for Unit 3 – students will be issued with a copy but it would be useful if they had their own copy.

Useful Websites

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/gcse/drama

www.wjec.co.uk

Top Tips for a successful exam unit

- Students will be set regular homework, please encourage your child to complete this work by the set deadline. The homework is often research work in preparation for the next practical session in the classroom or will be an extension of work completed at school.
- Encourage your child to look at a wide variety of actors to inspire their work.
- Visits to local theatres such as The Hall for Cornwall, The Minack and Plymouth Theatre Royal and smaller theatres such as The Poly and The Regal. Rogue Theatre often perform in Tehidy woods and Kneehigh Theatre Company perform at The Asylum
- Provide a space at home where work can be laid out and worked on.
- Encourage your Child to create a diary / checklist of the tasks that need to be completed.
- Encourage them to communicate with their Teacher their ideas and any concerns they have.
- The school will supply a text, but your child may want to use their own. Amazon sell FACE.

COURSEWORK DEADLINE: Friday 6th March

Unit 2 EXAM date: Monday 27th April

REVISION SESSION: Thursday 26th March 3-5pm D1



