



## Supporting your child through their Drama GCSE



### Key Dates for Drama GCSE

<b>October 17</b>	<b>Yr11 Parents Evening (19th)</b>
November 17	Start revising at home
November 17	Study Skills Evening (7th)
December 17	PPEs begin (4th)
	PPEs end (15th)
January 18	Revising should be picking up
March 18	Revision should be full steam now
	PPE2 begin (5th)
	PPE2 end (9th)
May 18	GCSE exams start (14th)
August	GCSE Results



#### **Written paper exam**

**18 May 2018**

**Duration: 1h 45m**

#### **Useful websites:**

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zbckjxs>

### Drama Exams

<b>Assessment Details</b>	<b>%</b>
Written Exam	40
Performance Coursework	60

### Supporting with Revision

- \* Ask your child to describe the work that they are undertaking and encourage them to perform extracts to you as they rehearse.
- \* Please try to encourage full attendance; absences in our subject impact not just on the individual but the group that they are working in and this increases stress.
- \* If possible, encourage students to attend live theatre in their own time.
- \* Go on the AQA GCSE Drama website and look at past papers together. The parent can discuss with the student how they could go about answering the question. You can also find mark schemes and examiner reports on the website.
- \* Test students on their Drama vocabulary regularly. Word power is crucial!
- \* Get students to do timed responses.
- \* Ask students to tell you about the themes, characters and storyline of a script they have studied.
- \* GCSE bitesize. Great website for revising key words and dramatic techniques. Especially the 'writing about drama and theatre' section.
- \* Students will often have lines to learn, they will learn these best by speaking them out loud to someone at home.
- \* Checking that students complete home learning tasks.