

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



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

How is the GCSE in Drama assessed?

The GCSE in Drama is made up of 3 units:
Unit 1 Practical = 10% of Final Grade
Unit 1 Supporting Evidence = 20% of Final Grade
Unit 1 Evaluation = 10% final grade
Unit 2 Practical = 20% of Final Grade
Unit 3 1 1/2hour written exam = 40% of Final Grade

When is the Exam?

Unit 1 – Autumn term
Unit 2 – Spring term
Unit 3 – May

Extra support sessions

Intervention runs on a Tuesday and Friday 3-4pm. Easter revision will also be an opportunity for students to attend. Other session will be held before the exam date in May.

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

Text for Unit 3

Year 11 – The Caucasian Chalk Circle by Bertolt Brecht
Year 10 – The Tempest by William Shakespeare
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, texts can be purchased from the school.

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.
- Extra rehearsals and revision sessions are opportunities to revise and improve work. Please encourage students to attend.
- 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.
- Offer to watch your child's work at home or school performances and support with feedback.
- 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.

DEADLINES:

Unit 2 Practical EXAM date: Wednesday 28th March

Unit 3 Written Exam: Friday 18th May pm

