



# Mount St Mary's Catholic High School

Educating The Individual For The Benefit Of All

## Why Study BTEC Drama?

The key skills which Drama helps students to develop are essential to every career path. These skills are becoming more and more popular with colleges, employers and universities, as they enhance and highlight the attributes of a well-rounded individual, skills such as:

- confidence
- group work
- listening
- discipline
- empathy
- public speaking
- communication
- focus
- creativity
- analytical and evaluative language

Studying Drama allows students to gain first-hand experience of what it is like to work as a professional actor, giving students the opportunity to explore a range of dramatic styles, whilst experiencing all aspects of the performing arts industry throughout the course.

The course is designed to test students' ability to devise, perform and evaluate live drama.

Working practically in Drama allows students to not only develop the ability to perform at a professional level, but also discover key transferable skills that can enhance the individual's employability, whilst also developing a skill set suitable for further education.

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## Careers Options

The skills which studying Drama help to develop can support students with thousands of jobs. For example, improving confidence can help with interviews, public speaking, teaching, dealing with customers, leading a team and solving difficult situations. Teamwork and evaluative skills can help in careers involving business, healthcare, law and many more.

Below is a list of Drama based jobs and other jobs where Drama would help:

### *Performing Arts based jobs*

Actor  
Choreographer  
Theatre Manager  
Make-up artist  
Front of house theatre staff

Director  
Costume Designer  
Set Design  
Musical Director

Drama Therapist  
Lighting Technician  
Special effect coordinator  
Script Writer

### *Other jobs that Drama could support*

Business  
Doctor or nursing role  
Politics

Teaching  
Customer facing jobs  
Hospitality industry roles

Law  
Healthcare roles  
Counselling and mental health support

## What you will study

You will study a range of drama practitioners, allowing you to develop a detailed knowledge of different drama techniques and performance styles. This will range from Naturalism, Surrealism, Theatre of Cruelty, Physical Theatre, Comedy and Verbatim Theatre.

The course will allow students to explore existing texts such as Blood Brothers, Teachers and Bouncers, giving their opinions on how they would direct key scenes, whilst justifying their dramatic decisions and considering the impact they have upon their audience.

The course is designed to give students a holistic view of drama to best prepare them for further study at A-level and beyond.



## How is the subject assessed?

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You will be assessed in three different areas:-

- Component 1 – 30% : Students will complete coursework studying the different roles and responsibilities when bringing a set text to life.
- Component 2 – 30% : Students will create a 6 to 10 min extract that will be performed, the extracts will be from the script Teechers by John Godber.
- Component 3 – 40% : Devising from a stimulus – Students will be given a stimulus and tasked with creating an 8 minute performance in a group. The students must then provide written evidence of their ideas, development and an evaluation.

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