

GCSE Drama Exam Information and Subject Updates 2021-22

Key Exam Information

Subject:	Drama
Exam board:	OCR
Adaptations for 2022 exams:	<p>Component 1 - Devising Drama Students may participate as a performer or a designer either in groups (of up to six people) or they may participate in a monologue. Learners must complete a performance of an absolute minimum duration performance time of 1.5 minutes if working individually or 2 minutes if working in groups of two or more.</p> <p>Component 2 - Presenting and Performing Students must complete a performance of an absolute minimum duration performance time of 1.5 minutes if participating in a monologue or 2 minutes if working in a group of two or more in this component as a requirement of the course.</p> <p>Learners apply their presentation and performance skills through realising one key extract, instead of two. The recommended minimum and recommended maximum performance times for are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● monologue – 1.5 to 2 minutes ● duologue – 2 to 4 minutes ● group performance – 3 to 8 minutes <p>Component 3 - Performance and Response There are no changes to this component but this is the advanced information released by the exam board:</p> <p><u>Section A: Study a whole performance text.</u></p> <p>Learners must know and understand in relation to their performance text:</p> <p>The contexts of their chosen text including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● social ● historical (time set and period written) ● cultural. <p>The characteristics of their performance text including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● characters ● theatrical setting (place). <p>How meaning is communicated through:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of performance space and spatial relationships on stage • the relationship between performers and audience • the design of: set, props, costume, lighting and sound • an actor’s vocal and physical interpretation of character • the use of performance conventions. <p><u>Section A: Study the development of drama and performance.</u></p> <p>Learners must know and understand in relation to their performance text:</p> <p>Contemporary staging including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proscenium arch • thrust. <p>The role of theatre makers in contemporary professional practice, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • actors • costume designer • director • lighting designer • set designer. <p>Acting skills including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • characterisation. <p>Vocal techniques an actor might use to communicate a role.</p> <p>Communication through physicality and the use of body language, facial expression and gesture.</p> <p>The use of semiotics.</p> <p>The design and use of a set including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • composite sets • non-naturalistic sets. <p>The development of character through the creation and use of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • costume • hair and makeup. <p>The features of a performance text including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • character • dialogue
<p>Summer exam dates:</p>	<p>Performance and Response (40%) - 19th May 2022, pm, 1h 30m</p>

Other examined component details (dates/deadlines, weighting):	Devising (30%) Presenting and Performing (30%)
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March Mock Exam

Date:	7th - 10th March
Content to be examined:	Blood Brothers and Theatre Review

Exam Preparation

Exam preparation tips:	Use the listed links to revisit the texts and key terminology. Test yourself on the themes of Blood Brothers, these are clear in the videos on GCSE Pods. Make sure you read the question on the exam paper carefully and answers from the correct point of view (director, audience etc).
Links to subject pages on the exam board website	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/drama-j316-from-2016/
Revision websites:	https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zbckjxs
Revision sessions:	Thursday's after school- TBC
Links to other resources:	Google Classroom GCSE Pods – Blood Brothers
Revision guides:	Hodder Education GCSE Drama Revision Guide £17.41 Blood Brothers GCSE Drama Play Guide £5.95 Illuminate OCR GCSE Drama £21.00