

HIGHERS IN A NUTSHELL

The National Parent Forum of Scotland Summary of Higher Drama

DRAMA
EXPRESSIVE ARTS

CfE
HIGHER

2
UNITS

**DRAMA SKILLS
PRODUCTION SKILLS**

+
COURSE
ASSESSMENT

PERFORMANCE + QUESTION PAPER



Skills

Learners will be able to:

- generate and communicate thoughts and ideas when creating drama
- develop a knowledge and understanding of the social and cultural influences on drama
- develop complex skills in presenting and analysing drama
- develop knowledge and understanding of complex production skills when presenting drama



Opportunities for Learners

Learners will be able to:

- use their drama skills and apply their production skills to present drama to communicate meaning to an audience
- explore, develop and communicate ideas in drama through creating, presenting and using complex drama and production skills
- explore voice, movement and characterisation skills
- work collaboratively



Assessment

- To gain Higher Drama, learners must pass the two Units and the Course Assessment (Performance and Question Paper for 100 marks)
- Units are assessed as pass or fail by the school/centre and are quality assured by the SQA. Achievement of Units is recorded on the learner's qualifications certificate
- The SQA has provided examples of Unit assessments that teachers/lecturers can use as they are, or adapt to suit the needs of their learners
- The Course Assessment consists of a Performance (60 marks) and a Question Paper (exam for 40 marks) which is in two sections (see below). The Performance is marked collaboratively by the centre and by an SQA Visiting Assessor and the Question Paper is marked externally by the SQA
- Higher Drama is graded from A to D or as No Award.



Question Paper Section 1: Textual Analysis (20 marks)

2 hours

Section 2: Performance Analysis (20 marks)

40 marks

Specimen Paper www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/DramaSQPH.pdf

Performance Section 1: Preparation - research (10 marks)

60 marks

Section 2: Performance - acting, directing, designing (50 marks)



Progression Higher courses can stand alone or follow on from National 5 qualifications and may lead to Advanced Highers, the Scottish Baccalaureate and a range of qualifications within Further and Higher Education.



For course information, specimen question papers and past paper guidance visit:

Higher Drama: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47894.html

[Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile](#)

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/CfEFactfileOverview_tcm4-665983.pdf

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