

Drama

EXPRESSIVE ARTS



Content

The course gives learners the opportunity to develop practical and evaluative skills, as well as knowledge and understanding of drama and its influences.



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

- The course will be assessed through a question paper (exam) and a performance, and will be graded A to D.
- The question paper represents 40% of the total assessment mark and has three sections (see summary below). Learners have 2 hours 30 minutes to complete the question paper which is marked by SQA.
- The performance is worth 60 marks and makes up 60% of the total assessment mark. Learners are assessed on their preparation and performance of a textual extract from a full-length play - in an acting, directing or design role (e.g. lighting, sound, props and costumes). The performance is marked by an SQA visiting assessor.



Question Paper	Section 1: theatre production: text in context (extended-response questions)	20 marks
	Section 2: theatre production: application (structured questions)	10 marks
	Section 3: performance analysis (extended-response questions)	20 marks

Specimen Paper www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm

Performance	Section 1: preparation for performance	10 marks
	Section 2: performance in the chosen role of acting, directing or design	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

Education Scotland: <https://education.gov.scot/nationalqualifications>

Further Information for Parents and Learners Information on assessment, skills, progression, revision resources and summaries of National Qualifications

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