**Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information: 2017-2018**

Below is useful information from departments that provide you with information about the types of qualifications available at Key Stage 4. If you require any further information please contact the Head of Department on the email address below.

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|  | **Subject** | Drama |
|  | **Examination Board** | OCR |
|  | **Head of Department** | Mrs Laura Blake |
|  | **Accreditation Level (e.g. GCSE Level 2, BTEC Level 2)** | GCSE |
|  | **Number of qualifications?** | 1 |
| Exam Information | **How many exams?** | 1 |
| **When taken?** | A316/04 - May/June (Year 11) |
| **Percentage of final mark** | 40% |
| Controlled Assignment Information | **How many assignments?** | 2 |
| **When taken?** | A316/01/02 – March – June (Year 10)A316/03 – Jan - April (Year 11) |
| **Percentage of final mark** | 60% |
| Brief Outline of Subject | The Drama GCSE is split into three units:* **Devising Drama** (30%) – Students will research and explore a stimulus, work collaboratively and create their own devised drama. Students are assessed on their ability to create, direct and perform or design their own drama. The performance is filmed and sent to the exam board for moderation along with a written portfolio.
* **Presenting and performing text** (30%) – Students develop and apply theatrical skills in acting or design by presenting a showcase of two extracts from a performance text. A visiting examiner will assess this as a live performance.
* **Performance and Response** (40%) - Students will explore practically the performance text Blood Brothers to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of drama. Students will analyse and evaluate a live theatre performance. (This is a written paper)
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| Post-16 Progression Routes  | This course prepares students to go on to study A-Level Drama & Theatre Studies and BTEC Performing Arts. In addition, it is fully accepted as one of your GCSE passes (level 4 and above) to enable students to access alternative A ‘level courses and Level 3 qualifications. |
| Relevant Information | This GCSE will suit students who are both practically and academically able in Drama. |