

St Patrick's Academy

GCSE Subject Choice

Subject Information for students:

Subject: Drama

What the subject is about:

Drama is a performance GCSE, with an emphasis on practical rehearsal and performance. It introduces students to all parts of theatre: acting, directing, dance, scripting, lighting, sound, costume and set design.

Course content and assessment schedule:

Paper	Duration	% of total	Content
1	Throughout the 2 year course	60	6 practical assessments: eg a dance piece, a piece students have devised themselves, an extract from a play etc.
2	One 2-hour paper	40	4 questions: a) Costume design b) Set text c) Rehearsal methods d) How you would interpret a role

Attributes needed to succeed in the course

- Commitment - as Drama is a very time consuming course
- Confidence in performing in front of an audience
- Desire to try out different skill areas
- Ability to work as a part of a team