



## Why study Drama at Formby High School?

Drama is a popular and successful subject. Drama and Theatre Studies will enhance communication, organisation and research skills. It will develop confidence and provide many opportunities for practical and independent exploration - skills that are valued and demanded by employers and institutions alike.

Students enjoy the highly creative and friendly teaching and learning environment. In our excellent studio theatre space they can explore ideas, develop their acting, technical and design skills, experiment with style and genre and utilise the professional technical resources.

Our course is designed to fully prepare our students for examination and for future study at university and specialist drama schools. Prospective drama school and National Youth Theatre candidates are prepared for auditions during the course which has produced very successful results with past students.

## What does the course involve?

There is an emphasis on Drama and Theatre Studies as a practical, intellectual and artistic subject. There will be devised and scripted practical performances that are assessed by a visiting examiner and internally assessed. The course also encourages the practical and theoretical exploration of play texts from different periods and genres, including the study of two theatre practitioners and the analysis of Live theatre, through various theatre visits during the course.



## What can the qualification lead to?

The AQA course obviously lends itself to the further study of Drama but, as it builds confidence, team building, leadership and presentation skills, it will be of use in an extensive range of careers.

## What are the entry requirements?

A grade 6 in GCSE Drama (if studied) or grade 6 in GCSE English Language or English Literature.

## Which other subjects complement Drama?

Drama and Theatre Studies complements the study of many other subjects including:

- Art
- English Language and Literature
- Film Studies
- Geography
- History
- Music / Music Technology
- Sciences

*Studying A Level drama has allowed me to develop my love for performance and theatrical production as well as cultivating a deeper understanding of the workings of a play. Over two years I have enjoyed studying a range of plays from various time periods; through this exploration I have learnt how to direct and perform different styles of theatre. In addition, creating my devised piece allowed me to express my creativity through working both as an individual and in a group. The studio's great facilities mean if acting isn't for you there are still plenty of opportunities to explore lighting, sound and costume design in theatre.*

**Josie chose to stay at Formby High for Sixth Form**