KINGSWINFORD ACADEMY
ASPIRE TO EXCELLENCE

Year 11 Achieve Excellence - Parent Support Guide
DRAMA

Key Exam Information:

Exam Board: GCSE Drama Pearson Edexcel

Assessment:

Component 1- Devised performance and portfolio 40%

Year 11 students have already filmed their devised piece worth 15 marks.
They have already submitted their final 2000 word portfolio worth 45 marks.

Component 2- Script performance 20%

Students must perform two extracts from a script. This can either be filmed or an external examiner will come in to assess their performance This usually takes place between February to March (2026).

Component 3- Final Exam 40%

Written examination: 1 hour 45 minutes
60 marks

- Section A- Practical exploration and study of one complete performance text: 'An Inspector Calls'- 45 marks.
- Section B- Live theatre evaluation- 15 marks. Students can take in 500 words of notes.

Course Overview:

September 2026- November 2026

Focus will be on the skills needed for the exam: 'Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice'.

November- March:

I will be teaching the exam skills and knowledge needed for the Component 3 exam.
I will also be preparing the students for their Component 2 script performances. These will either be filmed or an external examiner will come in to assess the students' performances between February and March.

March- May:

I will be revisiting the exam skills, structure and knowledge needed for the Component 3 exam.

Key content/ skills covered:

Component 2-

Students will need to prepare for their script by knowing their lines and applying their performance skills. They will need to research their character's background and explore the Given Circumstances for the character. They will then be assessed on their performance skills by an external examiner.

Component 3 Exam

Students will need to revise key terminology for a performer, director, and a designer. They will need to revise the key plot points, characters and context in 'An Inspector Calls'. They will also need to prepare their notes for Section B: Live Theatre Evaluation in class and ensure they revise those notes before the exam. They will also need to practise their analytical skills and application of the different performance and design elements by completing exam responses at home in the time frames. Students can find past papers on the Google Classroom. If students would like these printed off, please just ask Mrs Cooper; I will also happily mark them and provide feedback.

Dates of key assessments and deadlines:

03/11/26 - Year 11 Drama Mock Section A
06/11/26- Year 11 Drama Mock Section B (to take place in class)
22/02/27 - 26/02/27 - Second Year 11 Mock Exam Section A and B
February-March 2027- External examiner to assess Component 2 Performances
Friday 14th May 2027- Final Exam- Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice

Links to past papers and revision guides:

Pearson Edexcel Revision Guide
Pearson Revision Guide
Pearson Revision Workbook

Past Papers can be found on the Google Classroom. Mrs Cooper will happily mark these and provide feedback.

Links to revision sites/ resources:

Bitesize Drama Edexcel Website

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