

Subject: DRAMA

Exam board AQA 8261
and overall exam code:

Exam contents: 1 written paper, controlled assessment and examined performance

Paper/module no.	Length	Content	Exam date	Percentage of overall GCSE
Component 1 Written exam	1hr 45mins	Section A: 4 multiple choice questions. (1 mark each) Section B: four questions on a given extract from Hansel and Gretel (44mark) Section C: One question requiring a response to a performance seen at the theatre. (32marks)	18 May	40%
Component 2 Practical devised performance and accompanying log book	Already completed		n/a	40%
Component 3: text in practice (practical)	Already completed	Performance of 2 extracts from one play	n/a	20%

Exam advice

1. Use all of the time provided: refer to the timing sheet for each question and write an answer for each question.
2. Be methodical: focus carefully on specific moments of performance and specific skills, techniques, devices.
3. Justify what you have to say by referring to specific lines/sequences of action.
4. Describe physical movements, facial expressions, voice in detail.
5. Assume the examiner knows nothing.

Revision topics

1. Build up your notes on the practical tasks you undertook in Year 10/11 piece of practical work on Hansel and Gretel. Clearly identify how the chosen character will be dressed describing colour, material and why you have made those choices. Describe how characters

will move, speak and interact with others on stage, also what impact it should have on the audience.

2. Revise your notes on *An Inspector Calls* or *Flying Lovers of Vitesbk* and add more details and diagrams where possible. As you are NOT allowed to take any notes in to the exam, the notes you make for revision can be as long and detailed as you like.
3. Make lists of words you can use to describe voice, gesture, movement, staging, setting, costume, moods and atmospheres etc. Learn specific drama/theatre vocabulary/spellings: refer to AQA GCSE Drama text book.

Easter work

Work through the practice examination questions given. Begin by constructing careful, well-focused answers in note-form. Then write the answers as essays, remembering to include **clear, large annotated diagrams and sketches whenever they are helpful.**