

How to Succeed in Drama

Course Information

Exam Board	AQA
Exam Structure	Component 3 Scripted Exam (End of January, external examiner) Component 1 Written Exam (Thursday 8 th May 2025)
Specification weblink	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261/specification
Practice exam papers weblink	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/gcse/drama-8261/assessment-resources?secondaryResourceType=Question+papers

Units/Topics studied

Component 2 – Devising Exam is complete; students have completed their performance and their coursework and will not need to refer to this part of the Drama GCSE.

Component 3 – Scripted Exam The examiner will be attending the school at the end of January, we are currently awaiting confirmation from them, and this will be communicated.

- Lines learnt (Deadline was October half term)
- Cultural, historical, social and political context researched
- Statement of Dramatic Intentions (Deadline was October half term)

Component 1 – Written Exam

Section 1 – multiple choice questions:

- Drama terminology
- Drama skills
- Drama techniques
- Technical Theatre
- Roles within the Theatre

Section 2 – Blood Brothers

- 4 mark question – Technical Theatre
- 8 mark question – based on one line of the play and how it should be performed.
- 12 mark question – based on a shaded extract of the play and how it should be performed.
- 20 mark questions – based on the extract and links to the overall play and how it should be performed.

Section 3 – Live Theatre Review

- 32 mark question – evaluate and analyse a live theatre performance. Students have been on the Stranger things trip on the 10th January 2025.

Revision strategies and materials

- GCSE Pod Blood Brothers - <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/11765/72599>
- CGP Revision Book, Key Drama knowledge - <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/drama/dmr41-gcse-drama-revision-guide?srsId=AfmBOooVVbxOZtludw2JKaikXfYHdHUUIWy9cROEQyzdvyr6qghE49T2>
- CGP Revision Book, Blood Brothers - https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/drama/dmpbb41-gcse-drama-play-guide-blood-brothers?srsId=AfmBOoo6Flpm8n9VrQhRkmnZMdhY6fbb0UjYOSKp6jVMdH4_UMzfE1e9
- BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zrnjwty>

The Blood Brothers revision guide and key Drama knowledge guide have been provided to students free of charge. If this has been lost, you will need to purchase this.