





# Carleton Community High School

A Specialist Science with Mathematics School



## AQA Drama GCSE

Unit 1	Unit 2
<p><b>Written Paper</b> – 1 hour 30 minutes (80 marks – 40%)</p> <p>The written paper comprises three sections:  <b>A – Practical work completed during the course</b>  <b>B – Study and performance of a scripted play</b>  <b>OR</b>  <b>C – Study of a live theatre production seen</b></p> <p>Candidates must answer Question 1 from Section A and choose one further question from <b>either</b> Section B.</p> <p>The written paper is externally set and marked.</p> 	<p><b>Practical Work</b> (120 marks – 60%)</p> <p>Candidates are required to present practical work for <b>two</b> controlled assessment options, each with a weighting of 30% (60 marks each).  Controlled assessment options:</p> <p><b>1 Devised Thematic Work</b>  <b>2 Acting</b>  <b>3 Improvisation</b>  <b>4 Theatre in Education</b>  <b>5 Physical Theatre</b>  6 Set Design  7 Costume  8 Make-up  9 Properties  10 Masks  11 Puppets  <b>12 Lighting</b>  <b>13 Sound</b>  14 Stage Management</p> 

- All work done will be based upon some of those options which are shown in *italics*, above
- Fifteen marks are awarded for preparation and forty five for performance
- Students need to be aware that they are being assessed and monitored throughout assessments as well as for their performance
- Research always needs to be done for each new topic and a planning sheet must be completed to prepare for the written exam
- No notes or scripts can be taken into the written exam so the planning sheets are crucial for revision
- Students are expected to stay after school or use lunchtimes to rehearse prior to a performance. It is vital that students understand that Drama is a group subject therefore attendance at all rehearsals is required. Plus Ones will be tailored to be run in small ability based groups.
- The date of the first controlled assessment will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January and this will be a scripted play
- If students perform in the school production held at Easter, this **may** be used as 50% of their final practical mark
- If a student visits the theatre to watch a play, they can ask for a planning sheet to record their visit as writing about a live production is an option for the written exam

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me at school.

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