



Stretford
Grammar School
Aspirat primo fortuna labori

Drama

The 3 components

- **Component 1: The written paper.**

- 1hr 45 minutes
- Open book
- 80 marks, 40% of GCSE mark

- **Component 2: Devising Drama**

- Devising log (60 marks)
- Devised performance (20 marks)
- 80 marks, 40% of GCSE

Teacher marked, postal moderation

Component 3: Texts in practice

- Performance of Extract 1 (20 marks) and Extract 2 (20 marks)
- 40 marks in total
- 20% of GCSE

Marked by a visiting examiner from AQA



The written exam

- 1 hour, 45 minutes in length
 - Section A: Answer all questions. (4 marks)
- Section B: Answer all parts to this question as instructed (44 marks)
- Section C: Answer 1 question from a choice (32 marks)



Component 1: Section A

- Multiple choice
- 4 questions, 4 marks in total
- Intended to settle students into the exam
- Can be easy to rush, and make silly mistakes...
- Students will need training on how to fill in the multiple choice answers!
- This section tests knowledge of theatrical roles and technical terminology. May include diagrams for students to interpret, e.g. stage positions



Section B: Set text

- Worth 44 marks
- “Students are expected to know and understand the characteristics and context of the whole play they have studied.”
- “One extract from each set play is printed in the question paper. Students answer questions relating to the extract, referring to the whole play as appropriate”
- Candidates can take their own copy into the exam but only CLEAN COPIES are permitted
- Students need to become accustomed to timings, as marks increase according to question



PEARLS of wisdom

- Point
- Evidence
- Analysis
- Response
- Link to question demand

