



St Edward's School

GCSE Drama

Summer Examination Series 2022 – Advice and Guidance for Parents and Carers

What are the key guidance points from the Advanced Information?

The key guidance relates to the written examination; Section A: Set Text *Blood Brothers* and Section B: Response to Live Theatre, *Frankenstein*

In **Section A** the focus of the questions will be approximately **70%** towards **technical elements** of performance and approximately **30%** towards **acting elements** of performance

In **Section B** due to the nature of the question in Section B advance information is not being provided for this section

What are the main adaptations to the exam?

Students will focus on:

Pros and cons of proscenium and thrust stages.

The role of theatre makers in contemporary professional practice, including:

- actors
- costume designer
- director
- lighting designer
- set designer.

Acting skills including:

- characterisation.

How will we use this information?

Students have been notified of the changes and the document can be seen below:

[file:///C:/Users/gsinnot/Documents/Curriculum%202021-22/J316%20GCSE%20Drama%20Advance%20Information Jun2022%20\(2\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/gsinnot/Documents/Curriculum%202021-22/J316%20GCSE%20Drama%20Advance%20Information%20Jun2022%20(2).pdf)

Lessons and mock examinations will be closely tailored to the amended specification.

What can you do?

Revise thoroughly the following in relation to *Blood Brothers*

Vocal techniques an actor might use to communicate a role. Communication through physicality and the use of body language, facial expression and gesture.

The use of semiotics.

The design and use of a set including:

- composite sets
- non-naturalistic sets.

The development of character through the creation and use of:

- costume
- hair and makeup.

The features of a performance text including

- character

Sources of Revision

Revision resources on Drama Teams page

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbpwd6f>

GCSE Drama Revision Guide:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/OCR-GCSE-9-1-Drama-Annie/dp/191120873X>

Blood Brothers:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-GCSE-Drama-Play-Guide/dp/1782949666/ref=pd_lpo_2?pd_rd_i=1782949666&psc=1