

Supporting Your Learner

National 3 and 4 Drama

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National 3 Course Outline

The Course consists of two mandatory Units. Each of the Units is designed to provide progression to the corresponding Unit at National 4 and provides challenge progressing from S3 Drama.

Drama Skills (National 3)

In this Unit, learners will explore and develop basic drama skills and ways of communicating thoughts and ideas to an audience. They will learn how to respond to stimuli. They will also learn how to develop their portrayal of a character at a basic level, and develop awareness of form and structure when creating and presenting drama. Learners will develop awareness of social and cultural influences on drama through research they complete in to their chosen role and setting. On designated dates, pupils will perform their devised work. They will also learn how to reflect on their own progress, and that of other learners, through evaluating themselves and others. National 3 pupils will keep a folio of work to show their progression throughout the Drama Skills Unit.

Drama: Production Skills (National 3)

In this Unit, learners will explore basic production skills. They will use these skills to enhance drama when presenting. Learners will also use problem-solving skills at a basic level in order to generate ideas for presenting drama. On designated dates, pupils will perform their devised work. They will also learn how to reflect on their own progress, and that of other learners, through evaluating themselves and others. National 3 pupils will keep a folio of work to show their progression throughout the Production Skills Unit.

To gain an award at National 3 level, learners must pass both Units. National 3 Courses are not graded.



National 4 Course Outline

The Course consists of three mandatory Units, including the Added Value Unit. Each of the component Units of the Course is designed to provide progression to the corresponding Units at National 5 and provides challenging progression from S3 Drama.

Drama Skills (National 4)

In this Unit, learners will explore and develop drama skills and ways of communicating thoughts and ideas to an audience. They will learn how to respond to stimuli. They will also learn how to develop more depth in their portrayal of characters and will develop knowledge of form, structure, genre and style when creating and presenting drama. Learners will develop awareness of social and cultural influences on drama through research they complete into their chosen role and setting. On designated dates, pupils will perform their devised work. They will also learn how to reflect on their own progress, and that of other learners, through evaluating themselves and others. National 4 pupils will keep a folio of work to show their progression throughout the Drama Skills Unit.

Drama: Production Skills (National 4)

In this Unit, learners will explore and develop more challenging production skills. They will use these skills to enhance drama when presenting. Learners will use problem-solving skills in order to generate ideas for presenting drama. On designated dates, pupils will perform their devised work. They will also learn how to reflect on their own progress and that of other learners through evaluating themselves and others. National 4 pupils will keep a folio of work to show their progression throughout the Production Skills Unit.



Added Value Unit

Drama: Performance (National 4)

This Unit adds value to the National 4 course and is required for a full course award.

Learners will extend their knowledge and apply their production skills in a drama performance. The performance will last for approximately 10 minutes and can be created in response to scripted stimuli. National 4 pupils will keep a folio of work to show their progression throughout the Added Value Unit. On designated dates, pupils will perform their devised or scripted work, usually at the same time as the National 5 Performance Unit

Useful Websites

National 4 Drama:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zcfb87h>

<https://quizlet.com/828599/national-45-drama-movement-flash-cards/>

Revision Classes

Additional teacher support is available outside class time through negotiation to help pupils to complete course work folios at every level.

Additional rehearsals for the Performance Unit, at National 4, run after school most days from January-March, to support learners across all levels to improve their performances.

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SQA Support

National 3:

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48530.html>

National 4

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47386.html>



