

GCE Drama and Theatre Studies Support Services

There are several support services in place to help with your teachings and future assessments of the new GCE Drama and Theatre Studies specification, for example:

Examiner's Report

The Principal Examiner for each unit has compiled a report based on the June 2010 examination series, with general comments outlining good approaches and useful tips for future examination series.

ICE Document

The Instructions for the Conduct of the Examination (ICE) document is a supportive guidance document which details all the information, assessment forms and deadlines you need for delivery of the Drama qualification. You may find this document on the drama homepage of the Edexcel website. <http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/drama/Pages/default.aspx>

Drama Newsletter

The drama newsletter keeps you up to date with the latest drama information, useful contact details and gentle reminders to help support your delivery of the qualification. It comes out every quarter and is available under the "Teacher Support Materials" section on the GCE and GCSE Drama homepage of the Edexcel website.

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/drama/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gcse/gcse09/drama/Pages/default.aspx>

Communities from Edexcel

Communities from Edexcel is a message board designed to enable you to access peer-to-peer support from fellow Edexcel teaching and delivery staff in schools and colleges. To access the Communities from Edexcel page please go to <http://community.edexcel.com/> and click on 'Drama'.

Training From Edexcel

INSET and customised training events are in place to help you achieve success when delivering the new specification. For further information or to arrange a customised training event, please contact trainingbookings@edexcel.com phone 0844 576 0025 or book online at <http://www.edexcel.com/resources/training/Pages/home.aspx>.

Results Plus

Results Plus is the only analysis tool that allows teachers to see how their students have performed on different parts of the paper and the specification. You can compare your centre's results with those of other centres. This may help you to identify specific areas that need to be addressed.

<http://www.edexcel.com/resultspplus/pages/home.aspx>

Award of A* Grade

For the first time this summer, your A level students could be awarded an A* grade. To achieve an A* grade, a candidate must first achieve a grade A for the A level. If they do this then the performance for just the A2 units will be considered. To achieve an A* the candidate must achieve

90% or more of the combined uniform mark score (UMS) for the A2 units. For more information please go to <http://www.edexcel.com/notices/Pages/a-star-grade.aspx>

Ask The Expert

You can submit subject specific queries directly to our drama examiners and moderators using our Ask The Expert service on gcedramaandperformingarts@edexcel.com

I hope that you find this information useful and please feel free to contact Edexcel if you have any queries.