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1.2 Why choose Cambridge IGCSE Drama?

Cambridge IGCSE Drama is accepted by universities and employers as proof of knowledge and understanding of both the theory and practical application of drama.

Through practical and theoretical study, the IGCSE Drama syllabus encourages students to understand and enjoy drama by:

- · developing their performance skills, both individually and in groups
- considering ways in which ideas and feelings can be communicated to an audience
- discovering the performance possibilities of texts and other stimuli
- devising dramatic material of their own.

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1.4 How can I find out more?

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If you are not a Cambridge Centre

You can find out how your organisation can become a Cambridge Centre. Email us at **international@cie.org.uk**. Learn more about the benefits of becoming a Cambridge Centre at **www.cie.org.uk**.

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All candidates take Paper 1 (Written Examination) and Paper 2 (Coursework) and are eligible for the award of grades A* to G.

Paper 1: Written examination

2½ hours

Candidates answer questions relating to a pre-release text and three stimuli.

- **Section A (30 marks)** 8 to 10 short-answer questions on all of the pre-release material. Answer all questions.
- Section B (25 marks) Answer one from three longer-answer questions on the pre-release extract.
- Section C (25 marks) Answer one from three longer-answer questions on the three stimuli.

Weighting: 40%

Paper 2: Coursework

Internally assessed and externally moderated.

Candidates submit three pieces of practical work:

- One individual piece (max 5 mins): either original devised work
 or a performance of an extract from a piece of repertoire.
- Two group pieces (max 15 minutes each): one original devised piece and one performance of an extract from a piece of repertoire.

Weighting: 60%

This syllabus contains a compulsory coursework component. Centres must provide written evidence in advance to CIE that a member of staff is competent to set and mark the coursework, and that the Centre has facilities to record coursework for external moderation.

Availability

Both components for this syllabus are available in the June session. Coursework for the June session should be submitted by 30 April 2013.

Paper 2 (Coursework) is also available in the November session. Coursework for the November session should be submitted by 31 October 2013. Candidates wanting to enter their coursework in the November session must have already taken Paper 1 (Written examination) in the previous June (2013) session. Results for the syllabus taken in this way will only be issued after the November (2013) session.

Candidates who take both Paper 1 and Paper 2 in June may **not** enter the following November examination session.

This syllabus is not available to private candidates.

Centres in the UK that receive government funding are advised to consult the CIE website **www.cie.org.uk** for the latest information before beginning to teach this syllabus.

Combining this with other syllabuses

Candidates can combine this syllabus in an examination session with any other CIE syllabus, except:

• syllabuses with the same title at the same level

Please note that IGCSE, Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificates and O Level syllabuses are at the same level.

3.1 Aims

- 1. To develop candidates' understanding of Drama through practical and theoretical study.
- 2. To enable candidates to realise the performance possibilities of text and other stimuli.
- 3. To encourage the use of dramatic forms and structures to communicate feelings and ideas to an audience.
- 4. To help candidates to acquire and develop skills in Drama, both individually and in groups.
- 5. To develop understanding of the processes leading to performance and the elements involved in creating a performance; to be able to evaluate the various stages of performance work.
- 6. To encourage enjoyment of drama.

3.2 Assessment objectives

Understanding

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate understanding of:

- the performance possibilities of text and other stimuli, and
- the differing roles of actor, director, stage manager and technician in its realisation.

Devising

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to devise dramatic material and reflect on its effectiveness.

Performing skills

Candidates will be assessed on their performing skills in Drama.

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3.3 Weightings

The way the Assessment Objectives relate to the Scheme of Assessment is shown below. The figures are percentage weightings.

	Assessment Objective					
Components	A: Understanding	B: Devising	C: Performing skills			
1 Written examination	20	20	_			
2 Coursework	15	15	30			
Total	35	35	30			

4.1 Paper 1: Written examination

2½ hours, 80 marks

Candidates answer questions based on the pre-release material which is issued to Centres in the December preceding the examination. The pre-release material can only be sent to Centres who have provided estimated entry information. See CIE's *Handbook for Centres* for details.

The pre-release material consists of:

- three stimuli which are either short titles, phrases, scenarios or quotations. Candidates must create drama based on all three stimuli, and are advised to work in groups of between two and six candidates. Each piece should ideally last around 10–15 minutes. In the examination candidates will be required to reflect on, and evaluate, the practical work.
 - Note: the stimuli may **not** be used as a basis for the devised piece(s) on Paper 2 (Coursework).
- an extended extract from a play. This will be taken from repertoire from a variety of cultures and times. Candidates should study the extract with a view to understanding both the text and the practical aspects of production. It is recommended that they perform it, at least informally.

The question paper is structured as follows:

Section A (30 marks) Candidates answer 8–10 short-answer questions on all of the pre-release material. Candidates must answer **all** questions in this Section.

Section B (25 marks) Candidates answer **one** from a choice of three longer-answer questions on the pre-release extract.

Section C (25 marks) Candidates answer **one** from a choice of three longer-answer questions on the three stimuli.

Candidates are advised to split their time equally between the three sections.

A new copy of the pre-release material will be provided in the examination.

In all three sections of the exam paper, the questions assume that candidates have performed the extract from the play, and devised and performed pieces based on each of the stimuli. Candidates' answers should show practical and theoretical understanding of the drama performed.

Questions on the exam paper will cover a variety of aspects of drama, e.g. characterisation, role, pacing/contrast/dynamics, spatial awareness, physicality, tension. This list is not exhaustive. Candidates should also be familiar with other dramatic features as appropriate.

Candidates are also expected to understand the role of set, lighting, sound, costume and make-up, and to appreciate the issues facing directors and stage managers.

A glossary of dramatic and theatrical terms is provided at Appendix B.

Candidates should consider the following points in relation to the extract and the three stimuli:

- the use of suitable approaches to interpret the extract/stimuli,
- the reasons behind the choices they have made,
- appropriate use of resources to facilitate effective performance,
- how meaning(s)/atmosphere(s) could be presented to an audience.

4.2 Paper 2: Coursework

Internally assessed and externally moderated

Each candidate submits a total of three pieces of practical work: one individual piece and two group pieces.

One individual piece:

- either an original devised piece*
- or a performance of an extract from a piece of repertoire **.

The individual piece must last no longer than 5 minutes.

Two group pieces:

- one original devised piece*
- and one performance of an extract from a piece of repertoire**.

Each group piece must last no longer than **15 minutes** and must allow each candidate broadly equal exposure. The prescribed group size is between **two** and **six** candidates.

Candidates must have the opportunity to produce more than three pieces of practical work during the course, so that there is a choice of pieces to submit and their best work may be selected.

Candidates take part in the planning, rehearsal, performance and evaluation of drama and are assessed on their individual practical contributions.

Candidates are assessed on their skills in working towards performance, their ability to devise performance material and their practical ability in performing to an audience.

Each candidate's work must be marked according to the assessment criteria provided in this booklet. Marks and supporting comments must be entered on the Individual Candidate Mark Sheet (0411/C) (see Appendix A).

*Guidance on original devised pieces

Original devised pieces must be based on any one of the options listed under the headings below. A different option should be used for each piece. All are viewed equally and different options may be offered from year to year. The options for 2013 are:

Dramatic styles and techniques

forum theatre

- comedy of manners
- documentary theatre
- Commedia dell' Arte
- children's drama

Issues

- an issue of conscience
- a personal issue
- an environmental issue

Other options

- a piece of music
- a poem
- a sculpture
- an historical figure from the last century

Options in italics indicate syllabus changes for 2013.

**Guidance on repertoire pieces

Repertoire, that is existing and already published plays, **not** TV drama, films, novels or unpublished works, will be chosen by the Centre and should be selected in line with candidates' abilities, interests and available resources.

Teacher involvement in the working process

The devised pieces must be the original work of the candidates. They are responsible for deciding on the subject matter, style, characterisation, structure and intention of the pieces. Candidates are not expected to work in isolation, and teachers may support, challenge, critique or direct as necessary during the process.

CIE does not expect candidates to undertake coursework without guidance and ongoing supervision from teachers. The amount of teacher guidance will vary depending on the kinds of work. During the assessment of coursework, teachers may challenge candidates on their use of ideas and the crafting of the drama. They may also act as director for the group performance of the piece of repertoire.

Teachers must:

- select appropriate repertoire for candidates
- set and/or negotiate coursework tasks
- supervise the work throughout to monitor individual progress
- ensure that the work is completed according to the requirements of the syllabus and that it can be assessed in line with the assessment criteria and procedures.

Video/DVD recordings

Centres must record work **throughout the course** so that candidates' best pieces may be chosen for the coursework submission. The work submitted to CIE for moderation should be recorded onto a VHS video or a DVD*. Each video/DVD should have with it:

- the completed Individual Candidate Mark Sheets for **all** candidates (0411/C)
- a video/DVD cover sheet (0411/V).

Copies of these forms are provided at Appendix A and should be photocopied as required.

*Only full-sized DVDs in a standard PAL or NTSC format will be accepted and Centres must check they can be played on a **standard DVD player** before sending their moderation sample to CIE.

5. Coursework: marking and moderation

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This Section should be read in conjunction with CIE's Handbook for Centres.

5.1 Marking

- The Centre must record all of the coursework onto a single VHS video or a DVD. Coursework must be marked by the teacher and internally standardised by the Centre (see Section 5.2 (a)).
- For each candidate, an Individual Candidate Mark Sheet (0411/C) must be completed giving details of the three pieces used for the final assessment and the marks awarded for each piece.
- For each candidate and for each piece, a mark is awarded for Assessment Objective A or B depending on whether the work is text-based (from repertoire) or original devised material. A mark is always awarded for Assessment Objective C (performing skills).

The teacher's comments on the Individual Candidate Mark Sheet need to be specific rather than general. They should set out:

- the context the candidates were working in task, group, etc.
- what they actually contributed e.g. did, said, decided
- the mark for each Assessment Objective, as appropriate.

The information should be detailed enough to justify the mark awarded to a neutral observer not present at the assessment.

An example of a completed Individual Candidate Mark Sheet is provided in this booklet (see Appendix A).

Assessment Objective A: Text-Based Pieces

- If only one piece of text-based work is used for final assessment, the mark awarded is the final mark for Assessment Objective A.
- If two pieces of text-based work are used for final assessment, add together the marks awarded for each piece, divide by two and enter this average mark as the final mark for Assessment Objective A. **Do not round the mark up or down at this stage.**

Assessment Objective B: Original Devised Pieces

- If only one piece of original devised work is used for final assessment, the mark awarded is the final mark for Assessment Objective B.
- If two pieces of original devised work are used for final assessment, add together the marks awarded for each piece, divide by two and enter this average mark as the final mark for Assessment Objective B. **Do not round the mark up or down at this stage.**

Assessment Objective C: Performing Skills

• Add together the marks awarded for Assessment Objective C for each of the three pieces, divide by three and enter this average mark as the final mark for Assessment Objective C. **Do not round the mark up or down at this stage.**

Add together the final marks for each Assessment Objective to give a **total** mark for each candidate out of 60. Round up 0.5 and above, and round down below 0.5. Please double check **all** addition as even small errors create problems.

When all assessments are finished, transfer each candidate's total mark to the computer-printed Internal Assessment Mark Sheet (**MS1**) provided by CIE.

5.2 Moderation

(a) Internal Moderation

If more than one teacher in a Centre is involved in the internal assessments, arrangements must be made within the Centre for all candidates to be assessed to a common standard. The sample the Centre submits to CIE should include the work of each teacher.

The Centre assessments are then subject to external moderation.

(b) External Moderation

By 30 April for the June session and by 31 October for the November session, Centres need to send to CIE:

- a completed Individual Candidate Mark Sheet (0411/C see Appendix A) for each candidate, including those not in the video/DVD sample;
- a video/DVD cover sheet (0411/V see Appendix A);
- the Moderator's copy of the computer printed Internal Assessment Mark Sheet (MS1) provided by CIE;
- a sample of six candidates' complete work on video/DVD (see below for further details).

Selecting the sample

The sample should cover the full ability range:

- If there are six or fewer candidates **all** the Coursework that contributed to the final mark for these candidates must be sent to CIE.
- Where there are more than six candidates all the Coursework that contributed to the final mark for six of them must be sent to CIE. The Centre should select candidates covering the whole ability range, with the marks spaced as evenly as possible from the top mark awarded to the lowest. If more than one teacher has assessed the Coursework, the sample should include the work of each teacher. A further sample of Coursework may subsequently be required.

The Video/DVD

Number of videos/DVDs:

- If there is only one group for moderation purposes, (i.e. six or fewer candidates), all the work for the Centre is to be submitted on one video/DVD, clearly labelled.
- If there are two or more groups, all the Individual tasks are to be put on **one** video/DVD, all the Group tasks on a separate video/DVD.

Identifying the candidates:

- Videos/DVDs must be labelled with Centre name and number and full candidate names and numbers.
- If a video/DVD is submitted without a clear label attached it may not be accepted for moderation.
- At the beginning of each task, the candidate must identify himself/herself clearly if necessary removing any mask/costume or wearing a numbered vest. It is essential that the Moderator can easily identify the candidates.

Quality of recordings:

It is essential to produce clear recorded evidence. In particular:

- camerawork should follow candidates, rather than relying on static long-shots
- extraneous noise and echo must be avoided and the sound track must be clearly audible.

Centres are responsible for checking that all recorded work is clear and that candidates can be clearly identified. Work may be recorded at any time over the two-year course; the Centre should re-run any recorded work that does not meet these standards.

Keep at the Centre

- one complete set of copies of the forms
- all other recorded work until results are issued.

All records and supporting work should be kept until after the publication of results, and the recordings of all other candidates' work should be kept at the Centre. The CIE Moderator may ask for further samples of work.

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5.3 Assessment criteria for Cambridge IGCSE Drama coursework

Assessment Objective	BAND 5	BAND 4	BAND 3	BAND 2	BAND 1
A: Text-Based Pieces. To understand the performance possibilities of text and other stimuli, and the differing roles of actor, director, stage manager and technician in its realisation	1–3 Marks Recognises one or two possibilities and attempts to use them. Marginal understanding of differing roles.	4-6 Marks Understands some dramatic possibilities and successfully employs them with rudimentary skill. Some insight into differing roles.	7-9 Marks Demonstrates understanding in shaping and structuring and employs appropriate skills competently. A degree of insight into roles.	10–12 Marks Identifies and develops the potential to create dramatic material and interprets it effectively through a skilful use of shaping, selecting and structuring. Clear insight into roles.	13–15 Marks Interpretation, shaping, selecting and structuring of dramatic material are all of a consistently accomplished nature. There is effective insight into the various roles involved.
B: Original Devised Pieces. To devise dramatic material and reflect on its effectiveness	1–3 Marks Identifies when a course of action is working or not working. Intentions are occasionally clear.	4-6 Marks Clear intentions; identifies when a process is not working and suggests or makes basic changes to the course of action.	7–9 Marks Competently identifies intention and style. Problems encountered during the devising or rehearsal process are identified and tackled with solutions and alternatives that facilitate the achievement of the defined purpose.	10–12 Marks Recognises the need to adapt and shape the material to communicate its meaning. Produces flexible and imaginative dramatic work in a skilful manner.	13–15 Marks Consistent approach to the performance process; mature reflection enables the dramatic intention to be executed in an accomplished manner.
C: Performing Skills (ALL PIECES). To demonstrate performance skills in Drama	1–5 Marks Performs with occasional fluency. Glimpses of stylistic awareness.	6-11 Marks Performs with some fluency with some stylistic awareness.	12–17 Marks Performs competently with a degree of stylistic awareness and in a fairly engaging manner.	18–23 Marks Performs confidently and fluently with consistent stylistic awareness and engages the audience.	24–30 Marks Performs with flair and sensitive stylistic understanding; consistently engaging.

Grade descriptions are provided to give a general indication of the standards of achievement likely to have been shown by candidates awarded particular grades. The grade awarded will depend in practice upon the extent to which the candidate has met the assessment objectives overall. Weakness in one aspect of the examination may be balanced by a better performance in some other aspect.

Grade A

Assessment Objectives:

- to understand the performance possibilities of text and other stimuli and the differing roles of actor, director, stage manager and technician in its realisation
 - Candidates recognise and act upon implications for development. They produce flexible and imaginative responses to problems encountered so as to enhance the stated defined purpose in an accomplished manner.
- to demonstrate the ability to devise dramatic material and reflect on its effectiveness

 Candidates identify and develop dramatic material and interpret it effectively through accomplished use of resources, independently evaluating the progress of the work to facilitate its shaping and structuring.
- to demonstrate performing skills in Drama

 Candidates act a role with fluency and commitment, demonstrating sensitivity in performance.

Grade C

Assessment Objectives:

- to understand the performance possibilities of text and other stimuli and the differing roles of actor, director, stage manager and technician in its realisation
 - Candidates identify intention and implications competently. Possibilities are identified and tackled with solutions and alternatives that facilitate the achievement of the defined purpose.
- to demonstrate the ability to devise dramatic material and reflect on its effectiveness

 Candidates demonstrate understanding and skill in shaping and structuring dramatic material, reflecting
 on its effectiveness and adapting work competently.
- to demonstrate performing skills in Drama

 Candidates act a role with fluency, demonstrating competence in performance.

Grade F

Assessment Objectives:

- to understand the performance possibilities of text and other stimuli and the differing roles of actor, director, stage manager and technician in its realisation
 - Candidates understand simple ways of creating performance from a given starting point.
- to demonstrate the ability to devise dramatic material and reflect on its effectiveness

 Candidates demonstrate an ability to devise material and, with close guidance, reflect on their work to shape and structure it at a basic level.
- to demonstrate performing skills in Drama Candidates act a role with some fluency.

7. Appendix A: Forms for external Registration

The forms Centres must send to CIE when submitting their recorded sample for moderation are provided on the following pages. See Section 5 for full details about marking and moderation.

- Individual Candidate Mark Sheet (0411/C) one sheet must be filled in for each candidate. An example of a completed Individual Candidate Mark Sheet is provided on the following page.
- Video/DVD cover sheet (0411/V)

EXAMPLE

International School of the Seven Seas

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please complete one form for each candidate (also available electronically) in accordance with

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the marking instructions in the syllabus

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Candidate Number 6 **Candidate Name** 8 Hasdish Kalipura Teaching set: Mr Jalipintu Notes on Assessment Objective A: (Text-based pieces) Add together the Final A mark **GROUP** Piece 2 (if 2 text-based pieces) INDIVIDUAL Piece 1 mark for each (out of **15**) Title: The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde Title: Teechers by John Godber piece and divide Hasdish struggled with this extract and, although he was keen to Hasdish has made a good attempt at playing the role of Oggy by 2. Do not take the part of Jack, he struggled throughout with the natural Moxon in the extract. He remembered his lines well and some round the mark rhythms of the words. At times it was difficult to tell what the of the facial expressions were quite good. He needed to control up or down. If dialogue was about and there was little evidence that he his physical gestures more as he had a tendency to gesticulate 7.5 one text-based Mark Mark understood the meaning of what he was saying. wildly when the energy level was higher and was too static when piece only, enter 10 the energy reduced. that mark as final Notes on Assessment Objective B: (Devised pieces) Add together the Final B mark Piece 2 (if 2 devised pieces) Piece 1 **GROUP INDIVIDUAL** mark for each (out of **15**) Title: The Dentist Title: piece and divide An outstanding piece of comic work. Hasdish played the role of by 2. Do not the dentist who had the drill stuck in the patient's mouth. He was round the mark able to create a caricature that worked well and was clearly up or down. If related to the study of Commedia dell'Arte. The mask work was 15 one devised Mark Mark well thought-out and he was able to lead the group very piece only, enter 15 effectively in the devising process. that mark as final. Notes on Assessment Objective C Add together the Final C mark Group text-based: mark for each (out of **30**) Group devised: The Dentist Individual: Teechers The Importance of Being Earnest piece and divide A disappointing piece of work. The A strong piece of work: well paced A fair performance – fluent and by 3. Do not pace was far too rushed and the and mature. It was a shame that competent, although there was a round the mark performance was frustrating for the need for greater control of pacing of the other pieces did not have the Mark up or down. If Mark Mark 18.7 audience as a result. maturity of this one! the dialogue. 10 26 20 one devised piece only, enter that mark as final. Notes to identify candidate on recorded evidence Total mark In the solo piece Hasdish is the only candidate and is therefore easy to recognise. In The Importance of Reing Farnest he plays the role of Jack and Daniel in A E (out of **60**) wears a cap throughout.

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the marking instructions i							Individua	ark Sheet
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Candidate Number		Candidate Name					Teaching set:	By.
Notes on Assessment Object	ctive A: (Text-bas	sed pieces)					Add together the	Dr.
Piece 1 Title:		GROU	Piece 2 Title:	(if 2 text-base	ed pieces)	INDIVIDUAL	mark for each piece and divide by 2. Do not round the mark	VIRSEWORK 1 3
		N	ark			Mark	up or down. If one text-based piece only, enter that mark as final.	
Notes on Assessment Object Piece 1 Title:	ctive B: (Devised Option	GROU	Piece 2 Title:	(if 2 devised	pieces) Option*:	INDIVIDUAL	Add together the mark for each piece and divide	Final B mark (out of 15)
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Notes on Assessment Object	ctive C							Final C mark
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^{*}See list of options on page 12 of the syllabus booklet

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Centre No.			Centre Name							V.

PLEASE LIST CANDIDATES IN THE ORDER THEY APPEAR ON THE VIDEO(S)/DVD(S)

Please make sure that all candidates are easily identifiable and announce themselves clearly before each performance. It is the Centre's responsibility to ensure that the recording is of good quality.

INDIVIDUAL PIECES	
Candidate name	Text/devised option used
GROUP PIECES (List members of each group)	
	Text/devised option used
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Continue on further sheets if necessary



8.1 Resources

CIE publishes an IGCSE Drama Coursework Training Handbook DVD and Standards CD-ROM which are available from CIE Publications.

The following books may also be helpful:

Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN
David Cross and Christopher Reynolds	GCSE Drama for OCR	Heinemann	9780435186104
Richard Fredman and Ian Reade	Essential Guide to Making Theatre	Hodder & Stoughton	9780340655146
Tony Goode and Jonothan Neelands	Structuring Drama Work	Cambridge University Press	9780521787291
Andy Kempe	The GCSE Drama Coursebook	Nelson Thornes	9780748767731
John Pymm, Gail Deal and Alastair Conquer	A Student's Guide to A2 Performance Studies for OCR	Rhinegold	9781904226499
Richard Schechner	Performance Studies: An Introduction	Routledge	9780415372466
Various	Teaching Drama Classroom resource published six times a year	Rhinegold Publishing	

Resources are also listed on CIE's public website at www.cie.org.uk. Please visit this site on a regular basis as the Resource lists are updated through the year.

Access to teachers' email discussion groups, suggested schemes of work and regularly updated resource lists may be found on the CIE Teacher Support website at http://teachers.cie.org.uk. This website is available to teachers at registered CIE Centres.

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8.2 Glossary of dramatic and theatrical terms

This glossary is provided for information only and is not intended to be prescriptive.

Acting area That area within the performance space within which the actor may move in full

view of the audience. Also known as the playing area.

Acting style A particular manner of acting which reflects cultural and historical influences.

Action The movement or development of the plot or story in a play; the sense of

forward movement created by the sense of time and/or the physical and

psychological motivations of characters.

Analysis In responding to dramatic art, the process of examining how the elements of

drama – literary, technical, and performance – are used.

Antagonist The opponent or adversary of the hero or main character of a drama; one who

opposes and actively competes with another character in a play, most often with

the protagonist.

Apron The area between the front curtain and the edge of the stage.

Arena stage Type of stage without a frame or arch separating the stage from the auditorium,

in which the audience surrounds the stage area. See also Theatre-in-the-round.

Articulation The clarity or distinction of speech.

Aside Lines spoken by an actor to the audience and not supposed to be overheard by

other characters on stage.

Back projection A method of projecting images onto a translucent screen from behind. Often

> used for projected scenery or special effects. Because the projector is usually close to the screen, special lenses are needed to ensure that the image seen by

the audience is large enough.

Backdrop A flat surface the width of the stage, hung upstage of the acting area, upon

which scenery is usually painted.

Backlight Light coming from upstage, behind scenery or actors, to sculpt and separate

them from the background.

Barn doors A rotatable attachment consisting of two or four metal flaps (hinged) which

is fixed to the front of a Fresnel spotlight to cut off the beam in a particular

direction(s).

Battens Compartmentalised floodlights set up so as to allow colour mixing. See also

Groundrow. Low voltage battens are commonly used as light curtains and for

colour washes. Known in the US as a striplight.

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and one a soft edge.

Black box A one-room theatre, without a proscenium arch; interior is painted black,

including walls, floor, and ceiling, and any drapes are also black.

Blackout A lighting cue where all stage lights go off simultaneously.

Blocking The path formed by the actor's movement on stage, usually determined by the

director with assistance from the actor, and often written down in a script using

commonly accepted theatrical symbols. See also Staging.

Box set A set with three walls and a ceiling, leaving the fourth wall to be imagined by the

actors. The box set represents a real room with doors and windows that work.

Business A piece of unscripted or improvised action, often comic in intention, used to

establish a character, fill a pause in dialogue, or to establish a scene. An author may simply suggest 'business' to indicate the need for some action at that point

in the play.

Catharsis A theory advocated by Aristotle in his *Poetics* which attempts to describe the

feeling of release felt by the audience at the end of a tragedy; the audience experiences catharsis, or is set free from the emotional hold of the action, after

experiencing strong emotions and sharing in the protagonist's troubles.

Character A person portrayed in a drama, novel, or other artistic piece.

Characterisation How an actor uses body, voice, and thought to develop and portray a character.

Choreography The movement of actors and dancers to music in a play.

Chorus A group of performers who sing, dance, or recite in unison; in Greek drama, the

chorus was the group of performers who sang and danced between episodes,

narrated off-stage action, and commented on events.

Climax The point of greatest intensity in a series or progression of events in a play, often

forming the turning point of the plot and leading to some kind of resolution.

Cloth A piece of scenic canvas, painted or plain that is flown or fixed to hang in a

vertical position.

A backcloth (or backdrop) hangs at the rear of a scene.

A floorcloth is a painted canvas sheet placed on the stage floor to mark out the

acting area, or to achieve a particular effect.

A frontcloth hangs well downstage, often to hide a scene change taking place

behind.

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Colour filter A sheet of plastic usually composed of a coloured resin sandwiched between

two clear pieces. The coloured filter absorbs all the colours of light except the colour of the filter itself, which it allows through. A colour filter is sometimes known as a 'gel', after 'gelatine', from which filters were originally made.

Colour mixing Combining the effects of two or more lighting gels.

Comedy A play that treats characters and situations in a humorous way. In Shakespeare's

time, a comedy was any play with a happy ending that typically told the story of a likeable character's rise to fortune. In ancient Greece, comedies dealt almost exclusively with contemporary figures and problems. *Low comedy* is physical rather than intellectual comedy; *high comedy* is more sophisticated, emphasising

verbal wit more than physical action.

Comic reliefA break in the tension of a tragedy provided by a comic character, a comic

episode, or even a comic line.

Concentration The actor's focus, also called *centering*; focusing on the work at hand, being in

character, or being in the moment.

Conflict The internal or external struggle between opposing forces, ideas, or interests

that creates dramatic tension.

Contrast Dynamic use of opposites, such as movement/stillness, sound/silence, and light/

darkness.

Cross fadeBringing another lighting state up to completely replace the current lighting

state. Also applies to sound effects/music. Sometimes abbreviated to Xfade or

XF.

Cyclorama A fabric drop hung from a curved or segmented batten, or a curved wall at the

back of the stage, upon which light can be cast to create effects (cyc for short).

Dénouement The moment in a drama when the essential plot point is unravelled or explained.

Development Progression of the plot or conflict in a play.

Dialogue Spoken conversation used by two or more characters to express thoughts,

feelings, and actions.

Downlight A light from directly above the acting area.

Dynamic The energetic range of, or variations within physical movement or the difference

between levels of sound.

End on Traditional audience seating layout where the audience is looking at the stage

from the same direction. This seating layout is that of a proscenium arch theatre.

See also Theatre-in-the-round, Thrust, Traverse.

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Ensemble The dynamic interaction and harmonious blending of the efforts of the many

artists involved in the dramatic activity of theatrical production.

Exposition The part of a play that introduces the theme, chief characters, and current

circumstances.

Farce An extreme form of comedy that depends on quick tempo and flawless timing

and is characterised by improbable events and farfetched coincidences; from the

French meaning 'to stuff'.

Flashback In a non-linear plot, to go back in time to a previous event; a flash forward would

move the action into the future.

Flat A wooden frame, usually covered with painted cloth, used to create walls or

separations on stage.

FloodTo wash the stage with general lighting. The name given to a basic box-shaped

lantern with a simple reflector used to achieve this effect.

Focus In lighting, the adjustment of the size and shape of a stage light and/or the

direction in which it is aimed; in acting, the act of concentrating or staying in

character.

Fourth wall The invisible wall of a set through which the audience sees the action of the play.

Fresnel spotlight Adjustable spotlight giving a diffused light, created by the construction of its lens

of 'concentric circles'. Used with Barn doors.

Genre A category of literary or dramatic composition; drama is a literary genre. Drama

is further divided into tragedy, comedy, farce, and melodrama, and these genres,

in turn, can be subdivided.

Gesture Any movement of the actor's head, shoulder, arm, hand, leg, or foot to convey

meaning.

Groundrow Compartmentalised floodlights set up on the stage floor so as to allow colour

mixing. Commonly used to light curtains and for colour washes. See also

Batten.

Hand props Properties such as tools, weapons, or luggage that are carried on stage by an

individual actor. See also **Personal props**, **Props**.

House lights The lights that illuminate the auditorium before and after the performance and

during intermission.

Imaging A technique which allows performers to slow down and focus individually on an

issue. The performers, sitting quietly with eyes closed, allow pictures to form in their minds. These images may be motivated by bits of narration, music, sounds,

smells, etc.

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Improvisation The spontaneous use of movement and speech to create a character or object in

a particular situation; acting done without a script.

Inflection Change in pitch or loudness of the voice.

Interaction The action or relationship among two or more characters.

Irony An implied discrepancy between what is said and what is meant. There are

several forms of irony. *Verbal irony* is when a writer or speaker says one thing and means something else (often the opposite of what is said). When the audience perceives something that a character does not know, that is *dramatic irony*. *Situational irony* can be described as a discrepancy between expected

results and the actual results.

Isolation Control of isolated body parts; the ability to control or move one part of the body

independently of the rest.

Kinesthetic Resulting from the sensation of bodily position, presence, or movement.

Language In drama, the particular manner of verbal expression, the diction or style of

writing, or the speech or phrasing that suggests a class or profession or type of

character.

Lantern The generic term for a stage spotlight.

Light set A term used to describe a situation where no physical set is used on stage. The

'set' is created entirely by means of lighting.

Mannerism A peculiarity of speech or behaviour.

Melodrama A style of play, which originated in the 19th century, relying heavily on

sensationalism and sentimentality. Melodramas tend to feature action more than motivation, stock characters, and a strict view of morality in which good triumphs

over evil.

Mime Acting without words.

Mirroring Copying the movement and/or expression or look of someone else exactly.

Monologue A long speech made by one actor; a monologue may be delivered alone or in the

presence of others.

Mood The tone or feeling of the play, often engendered by the music, setting, or

lighting.

Motivation The reason or reasons for a character's behaviour; an incentive or inducement for

further action for a character.

Movement Stage blocking or the movements of the actors onstage during performance; also

refers to the action of the play as it moves from event to event.

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Naturalism A style of drama that developed in the late 19th century as an attempt to

> represent real life on stage faithfully and without artifice; the actions of characters tend to be dominated by determinism (societal or environmental

Pace Rate of movement or speed of action.

Parody A mocking or satirical imitation of a literary or dramatic work.

Performance Includes acting (e.g. character motivation and analysis, empathy), speaking elements (breath control, vocal expression and inflection, projection, speaking style,

diction), and non-verbal expression (gestures, body alignment, facial expression,

character blocking, movement).

Personal props Small props that are usually carried in an actor's costume, such as money or a

pen. See also Hand props, Props.

Pitch The particular level of a voice, instrument or tune.

Plot The events of a play or arrangement of action, as opposed to the theme. See

also Story line.

Plot development The organisation or building of the action in a play.

Posture Physical alignment of a performer's body, or a physical stance taken by a

performer which conveys information about the character being played.

Profile lantern A focusable spotlight having an ellipsoidal lens which enables a sharp-edged

beam of light to be projected.

Prompt To give actors their lines as a reminder; the *prompter* is the one who assists

actors in remembering their lines.

Props Short for properties; any article, except costume or scenery, used as part of

a dramatic production; any moveable object that appears on stage during a

performance. See also Hand props, Personal props.

Proscenium A frame or arch separating the stage from the auditorium. The proscenium

> opening was of particular importance to the Realistic playwrights of the 19th century, such as Ibsen and Shaw, for whom it was a picture frame or an imaginary fourth wall through which the audience experienced the illusion of

spying on characters.

Protagonist The main character or hero in a play or other literary work.

Proxemics Contemporary term for 'spatial relationships' referring to spatial signifiers of

> the relationship between different performers or a performer and elements of the set which convey information about character and circumstances. See also

Spatial relationships.

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Realism An attempt in theatre to represent everyday life and people as they are or appear

to be through careful attention to detail in character motivation, costume, setting, and dialogue. Plays from this period (from 1820 to 1920) seek the truth, find beauty in the commonplace, and focus on the conditions of the working class. Henrik Ibsen is an exemplar of the movement; he influenced others such as

George Bernard Shaw and Anton Chekov.

Resolution How the problem or conflict in a drama is solved or concluded.

Rhythm Measured flow of words or phrases in verse forming patterns of sound.

Regularity in time or space of an action, process or feature.

Ritual A prescribed form or ceremony; drama grew out of religious ritual.

Role The character portrayed by an actor in a drama.

Role playing Improvising movement and dialogue to put oneself in another's place in a

particular situation, often to examine the person(s) and/or situation(s) being

improvised.

Satire A play in which sarcasm, irony, and ridicule are used to expose or attack folly or

pretension in society.

Scene A small section or portion of a play.

Scenery The theatrical equipment, such as curtains, flats, backdrops, or platforms, used in

a dramatic production to communicate environment.

ScenographyThe art of creating performance environments using one or more components

including light, costume, set, space and sound.

Scrim A drop made of fabric that seems almost opaque when lit from the front but

semitransparent when lit from behind.

Set The physical surroundings, visible to the audience, in which the action of the play

takes place.

Set designer The person who designs the physical surroundings in which the action of the

play takes place.

Setting When and where the action of a play takes place.

Sightlines Imaginary lines of sight that determine what areas of the stage are visible to the

audience from any given seat in the house.

Soliloquy A speech in which an actor, usually alone on stage, speaks the inner thoughts of

his/her character aloud.

Sound The effects an audience hears during a performance to communicate character,

context, or environment.

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Sound effects Recorded: often abbreviated to FX. There are many sources for recorded sound

effects, from compact discs, to downloading from the internet. May form an obvious part of the action (train arriving at station) or may be in the background

throughout a scene (e.g. birds chirping).

Live: gunshots, door slams, and offstage voices (amongst many others) are most

effective when done live.

Sound elements Music, sound effects, actors' voices.

Space A defined area.

Spatial relationships (or spatial awareness). Traditional term for what is currently referred to as

proxemics, referring to spatial signifiers of the relationship between different performers or a performer and elements of the set which convey information

about character and circumstances.

Special effects Visual or sound effects used to enhance a theatrical performance.

Stage presence The level of comfort, commitment, and energy an actor appears to have on

stage.

Staging Another term for **blocking**; deliberate choices about where the actors stand and

how they move on stage to communicate character relationships and plot and to

create interesting stage pictures.

Stock characters Characters who represent particular personality types or characteristics of

human behaviour. Stock characters are immediately recognisable and appear throughout the history of theatre, beginning with Greek and Roman comedy and

elaborated upon in Commedia dell' Arte.

Story line The **plot** or plan of action.

Structure The arrangement of and relationship between the constituent parts of a whole as

in 'prologue, exposition, dénouement' or scenes and acts within a play.

Stylisation The shaping of dramatic material, settings, or costumes in a deliberately non-

realistic manner.

Suspense A feeling of uncertainty as to the outcome, used to build interest and excitement

on the part of the audience.

Symbolism The use of symbolic language, imagery, or colour to evoke emotions or ideas.

 Tableau
 A technique in creative drama in which actors create a frozen picture, as if the

action were paused; plural is *tableaux*. Not to be confused with *freeze frame*, which is a term used in film and video production and which should not be used

when discussing drama.

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Tempo Relative speed or rate of movement in pace over time, e.g. the speed at which

the music for a dance should be played. Can be applied to dramatic contexts

such as in 'tempo rhythm'.

Tension The atmosphere created by unresolved, disquieting, or inharmonious situations

that human beings feel compelled to address; the state of anxiety the audience

feels because of a threat to a character in a play.

Text The basis of dramatic activity and performance; a written script or an agreed-

upon structure and content for an improvisation.

Theatre games Improvisational exercises structured by the director or teacher to achieve a

specific objective, such as breaking down inhibitions or establishing trust.

Theatre-in-the-round An acting area or stage that may be viewed from all sides simultaneously. See

also End on, Thrust, Traverse.

Theme The basic idea of a play; the idea, point of view, or perception that binds together

a work of art.

Thrust A stage that extends into the audience area, with seats on three sides of a

peninsula-shaped acting space. See also End on, Theatre-in-the-round,

Traverse.

Timbre The distinctive character or quality of a musical or vocal sound apart from its

pitch or intensity such as in a nasal voice quality.

Timing Includes setting cues for effects and lighting, synchronising two or more things

that must happen simultaneously, and establishing the pace at which lines will

be delivered or the play performed.

Traverse Form of staging where the audience is on either side of the acting area. See

also End on, Theatre-in-the-round, Thrust.

Turning point The climax or high point of a story, when events can go either way.

Upstage (verb) To deliberately draw the audience's attention away from another actor or actors

> by overacting, using flashy bits of business, or other means. The term originated from an actor purposefully positioning himself upstage of the other actors so that they must turn their backs on the audience to deliver their lines to him.

Vocal expression How an actor uses his or her voice to convey character.

Vocal projection Directing the voice out of the body to be heard clearly at a distance.

Voice The combination of vocal qualities an actor uses such as articulation, phrasing,

and pronunciation.

Wings Offstage areas to the right and left of the acting/onstage area.

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9.1 Guided learning hours

IGCSE syllabuses are designed on the assumption that candidates have about 130 guided learning hours per subject over the duration of the course. ('Guided learning hours' include direct teaching and any other supervised or directed study time. They do not include private study by the candidate.)

However, this figure is for guidance only, and the number of hours required may vary according to local curricular practice and the candidates' prior experience of the subject.

9.2 Recommended prior learning

Candidates beginning this course are not expected to have studied Drama previously.

9.3 Progression

IGCSE Certificates are general qualifications that enable candidates to progress either directly to employment, or to proceed to further qualifications.

Candidates who are awarded grades C to A* in IGCSE Drama are well prepared to follow courses leading to AS and A Level Drama, or the equivalent.

9.4 Component codes

Because of local variations, in some cases component codes will be different in instructions about making entries for examinations and timetables from those printed in this syllabus, but the component names will be unchanged to make identification straightforward.

9.5 Grading and reporting

IGCSE results are shown by one of the grades A*, A, B, C, D, E, F or G indicating the standard achieved, Grade A* being the highest and Grade G the lowest. 'Ungraded' indicates that the candidate's performance fell short of the standard required for Grade G. 'Ungraded' will be reported on the statement of results but not on the certificate. For some language syllabuses CIE also reports separate oral endorsement grades on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being the highest).

Percentage uniform marks are also provided on each candidate's statement of results to supplement their grade for a syllabus. They are determined in this way:

- A candidate who obtains...
 - ... the minimum mark necessary for a Grade A* obtains a percentage uniform mark of 90%.
 - ... the minimum mark necessary for a Grade A obtains a percentage uniform mark of 80%.
 - ... the minimum mark necessary for a Grade B obtains a percentage uniform mark of 70%.
 - ... the minimum mark necessary for a Grade C obtains a percentage uniform mark of 60%.
 - ... the minimum mark necessary for a Grade D obtains a percentage uniform mark of 50%.
 - ... the minimum mark necessary for a Grade E obtains a percentage uniform mark of 40%.
 - ... the minimum mark necessary for a Grade F obtains a percentage uniform mark of 30%.
 - ... the minimum mark necessary for a Grade G obtains a percentage uniform mark of 20%.
 - ... no marks receives a percentage uniform mark of 0%.

Candidates whose mark is none of the above receive a percentage mark in between those stated according to the position of their mark in relation to the grade 'thresholds' (i.e. the minimum mark for obtaining a grade). For example, a candidate whose mark is halfway between the minimum for a Grade C and the minimum for a Grade D (and whose grade is therefore D) receives a percentage uniform mark of 55%.

The uniform percentage mark is stated at syllabus level only. It is not the same as the 'raw' mark obtained by the candidate, since it depends on the position of the grade thresholds (which may vary from one session to another and from one subject to another) and it has been turned into a percentage.

9.6 Resources

Copies of syllabuses, the most recent question papers and Principal Examiners' reports for teachers are available on the Syllabus and Support Materials CD-ROM, which is sent to all CIE Centres.

Resources are also listed on CIE's public website at **www.cie.org.uk**. Please visit this site on a regular basis as the Resource lists are updated through the year.

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