Subject: Drama
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Structure of the Written Exam:

- 1 hour and 45 minutes
- Section A – 4 multiple choice questions (4 marks)
- Section B – 4 questions on the set text, Noughts.™ .Crosses (44 marks)
- Section C – One Live Theatre Review (32 marks)

Breakdown of questions
Section A: Theatre roles and terminology

- 4 multiple choice questions (1 mark per question)

Section B: Study of set text – we choose Noughts.™ .Crosses
An extract from the play will be given – you won't know what the extract will be.
Questions break down as follows:

- 9.1 - 4 marks - short answer question linking design e.g. costume/setting
- 9.2 - 8 marks - how you'd perform one key line and the effect you'd aim to create
- 9.3 - 12 marks - how you'd interact and use the space with another actor focusing on a shortened part of the extract
- 9.4 - 20 marks – how you'd perform as a character within the extract, whilst also making links to the play as a whole.

Section C: Live theatre production

- Write a review on the Vita Nova, The Wasp.Nest performance that you watched in school
- You are assessed on your descriptive, analytical and evaluative skills.
- 32 marks

Essential subject revision:
2025-10X-Dr1 - Documents - Revision Materials for PPE - All Documents
AQA | Subject specific vocabulary
GCSE Drama - AQA - BBC Bitesize

Type of revision	Resources needed	Time required
Re-read Noughts.™ .Crosses	Digital or physical copy of the play. Suggest buying your own from Amazon. Noughts & Crosses (DOMINIC COOKE/RSC VERSION) (NHB Modern Plays) : Malorie Blackman, Dominic Cooke: Amazon.co.uk: Books	1 hour max a time
Practice Papers	AQA Past Papers, paper GCSE Drama 8261 | Assessment Resources | AQA	1 hour max a time
Mind maps and notes	Paper	30 minutes
Quizzing	Knowledge organiser, paper	30 minutes