

# Year 8 Formal Exam - Revision Guidance



<b>Circulation</b>	Year 8 Students
<b>Title</b>	Y8 Formal Exams - Revision Guidance
<b>Purpose</b>	To provide revision information for Y8 Formal Exams

**You will participate in one practical examination taking place in April.**

**Component Title: Theatrical Knowledge (40 marks)**

**Section A: Artistic Intention**

- The role and responsibilities of a director.
- Artistic intention (what does it mean and how does it shape the drama?)

**Section B: Characterisation (10 marks)**

- Understanding of 'status' and how to demonstrate this.
- Understanding of 'emotional impact' and how to demonstrate this.
- Understanding of 'focus', 'consistency', 'rehearsal' and 'refinement'.

**Section C: Vocal and Physical Skills (10 marks)**

- Key vocal skills: pace, pitch, pause, projection, tone and volume
- Key physical skills: facial expression, gesture, movement, pace, posture, and stillness
- Spatial awareness including 'blocking' and key stage positions.

**Section D: Techniques and Conventions (10 marks)**

- Breaking the Fourth Wall - direct address, thought-tracking, narration and monologue.
- Techniques – still image, cross-cutting, conscience alley and hot-seating.

- The examination will last for 50 minutes. You will be expected to create and critique a performance.

The examination is largely practical (through acting) but you will be expected to demonstrate your theatrical knowledge (through verbal responses) as well.

You will not need any equipment for this examination.

**Further detail and revision materials can be found here:**

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z42vhbk/revision/1>