



DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

Course Information

This AQA course is designed for students who enjoy reading plays and watching or participating in drama - as performers, directors or designers - and who want to develop their skills in one or more of these areas. One of the attractions of this Drama and Theatre Studies course is the group work that you will find is at the heart of the practical element of this 2 year A-Level course.

A-Level Component 1: Drama and Theatre - This component requires the study of two set plays and an analysis and evaluation of the work of live theatre makers. The component is assessed through an externally marked written examination of 3 hours. This component is worth 40% of the A-Level.

A-Level Component 2: Creating original drama - This component challenges students to develop and present a piece of devised drama, influenced by the work and methodologies of one prescribed practitioner. The component is assessed through both a working notebook (40 marks) and devised performance (20 marks) making up 30% of the A-Level grade

A-Level Component 3: Making theatre – This component invites students to practically explore and interpret extracts from 3 three further plays. The component is assessed through performance (40 marks) and a reflective report (20 marks). This component makes up the final 30% of the A-Level grade.

Additional opportunities

For anyone who is not ready to sit the A-Level course please do come and speak to us as we may be able to offer you a bespoke Performing Arts pathway that includes either studying for an Arts Award or taking a Level 2 course with us.

Career Pathway

As well as preparing students who wish to apply to traditional acting and drama schools, the course is also useful for other career paths. Universities offer Theatre and Drama degrees as single honours or combined courses. Some institutions offer Creative or Performance Arts degrees where theatre can be combined with other arts subjects such as Film, Music, Dance, Art, Design and Photography. Students may also follow careers into stage management, theatre administration and theatre production.

Drama and Theatre skills can be used in education, therapy, community work and in the expanding leisure and media industries. Drama and Theatre Studies develops team skills, empathy and self- confidence, as well as being a strong academic discipline. It nurtures several skills essential for careers outside the arts such as management, for example, or any context in which strong interpersonal skills are important.

Student Destinations

We are very proud as a Department that many of our students choose to continue their Drama study through either Degree level study or through the traditional acting and drama school route. We actively support our 6th Form Students with both their UCAS and CUKAS applications and also provide support for the audition process where appropriate.

Should you like to receive any additional information on this course please contact Mrs Marie Hood - Head of Department