

Drama and Theatre A Level



COURSE DESCRIPTION

OCR's A Level in Drama and Theatre has been designed to be a practical, engaging and creative specification. It will provide you with opportunities to explore a range of play texts practically, analyse script and playwright's intentions and learn about how different theatre makers have influenced theatrical performance. You will work practically to develop work for performance and experience a wide range of theatre in order to help you develop as a performer and a critic.



HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

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EXAM BOARD

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

- Going to the theatre
- Working practically
- Experimenting
- Acting
- Collaborating
- Writing about performance
- Reading plays
- Developing your performance skills and understanding of Theatre
- Discussing ideas

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- Communication and Presentation Skills
- Self Motivation
- Critical Thinking
- Team Work
- Research



PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Practitioners in Practice
Study of two theatre practitioners and a text.
Creation of devised performance influenced by one practitioner and using text as initial stimulus.

40% of A Level

Exploring Texts for Performance
Study of one set text.
Performance of an extract from set text.

20% of A Level

Analysing Performance
Two questions on a theme (two set texts studied).
Analysis of live theatre.

20% of A Level
Written exam paper

Deconstructing Text for Performance
Directorial annotation of extract from studied text.
Extended response to set text.

20% of A level

Written exam paper



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

We offer the opportunity for all Drama & Theatre students to go to many theatre performances and attend workshops. The school play is also an incredible opportunity for Drama students to gain real experience of working on stage.

Sixth form students support younger students by helping with the Year 7 and 8 Drama clubs and mentoring GCSE students.

There are often other opportunities too. In the last few years we have:

- had a partnership with Complicité
- taken part in The Old Vic Schools Club
- participated in the NT Playwriting Project
- collaborated with the Unicorn Theatre

FUTURE CAREERS

This course will also prepare learners for the further study of Drama. Performing Arts and Literature courses in Higher Education as well as developing many transferable skills desired by all sectors of the industry.

The specification will help create independent learners, critical thinkers and effective decision makers – all personal attributes that can make you stand out as you progress through your education and into employment.

