

Drama and Theatre A Level



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Edexcel'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
- Acting
- Reading plays
- Discussing ideas
- Working practically
- Collaborating
- Developing your performance skills and understanding of Theatre
- Experimenting
- Writing about performance

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

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



PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Devising

Devise an original performance piece.

Use one key extract from a performance text and a theatre practitioner as stimuli. Portfolio & performance for assessment

40% of A Level

Text in Performance

A group performance/ design realisation of one key extract from a performance text. Externally assessed by a visiting examiner

20% of A Level

Theatre Makers in Practice

Live theatre evaluation – choice of performance.

Practical exploration and study of two complete performance texts – focusing on acting, set design and the influence of a theatre practitioner.

40% 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.

We offer a host of 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

And this year we are:

- members of the Donmar Warehouse Take The Stage
- performing as part of the Old Vic Take the Lead project
- a part of the Royal Court Collective.



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.



EXAMINATION RESULTS

In 2024, 62.5% of students achieved A*-A and 75% achieved A*-B. 100% achieved A*-C

Drama & Theatre Studies lends itself to many disciplines. Students have gone on to study: English Literature & Linguistics, Biomedical Sciences, Film & Television, History, and Comparative Literature.