

# 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.



## 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



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### EXAM BOARD

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## 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.

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.



## EXAMINATION RESULTS

Our first cohort for A Level Drama started the course last Autumn, so there are no examination results to share YET!