

Drama

COURSE CODE

A Level

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 4 or above in GCSE Drama.
- Students should be regularly taking part in performances and or Drama clubs both in and out of school. Students should be regularly attending as many live theatre productions as possible.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

The A Level Curriculum lets you focus on what Drama and Theatre means to you. Within this course students will be performing fun and challenging roles, staging new and exciting plays, experimenting with scenery, props, lighting and sound and learning skills and knowledge of the subject. The Theatre Studies A-level is the ideal choice for anyone who is creative and wants to be challenged.

ASSESSMENT

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We follow the Edexcel 2016 Examination Specification:

- Component 1 (40%): Devise an original performance, perform an extract from the set text and learn about the chosen theatre practitioner. This component will be internally assessed and externally moderated.
- Component 2 (20%): two group performances, both will be key moments from the set text. This component will be externally assessed by a visiting examiner.
- Component 3 (40%): written examination in which you write a live theatre review, analyse a set text and explore how a text could be re-imagined for a contemporary audience. The written examination is 2 hours and 30 minutes and is worth 80 marks.

NEXT STEPS

A Level Theatre Studies is a perfect course for any student wishing to go on to train at Drama School, previous students have gone on to be hugely successful at some of the top Drama schools in the country including: The Guildford School of Acting, RADA, Rose Bruford, East 15 and Drama Centre. Many successful Drama students also go on to study Acting, Theatre, Directing, Design or Performance-related Degrees at some of the country's best universities. In addition to those who a single honours degree, a degree in Drama combined with a wide variety of other subjects, or many other non-drama degrees, benefit from the skills and knowledge learned during the Drama A Level and proves especially popular with students wanting to forge a career in journalism, media and law.

CAREER INFORMATION

Careers are possible in all aspects of theatre including: acting, backstage, directing, technical, community theatre, drama therapy, administration as are careers in film, television, journalism, human resources, social professions, education and other areas where good communication, presentational and organisational skills are necessary. An A level in Theatre Studies is ideal for anyone considering a career in education, medicine, law, psychology, any career where interpersonal skills are important.

EXTRA COSTS

Students are required to purchase two play texts in advance of the course, which they will be studying for Components 2 and 3, your Drama teacher will let you know which plays you need to purchase in your inductions session. Within the course, students will be invited to watch a minimum of three professional performances, the details for which you will be notified of at least two months in advance of the trip.