

Drama and Theatre Studies



Exam Board Edexcel

Qualification GCE AS-Level / A2-Level

Entry Requirements GCSE grade B+ in Drama or Distinction in Performing Arts preferred. Will consider students with grade C+ in English.

Content (Outline of Course)

AS-Level

Unit One – Exploration of Drama and Theatre. Students study two contrasting plays and take part in practical workshops to explore each play. A supporting record of work is submitted.

Unit Two – Theatre Text in Performance. Students rehearse and perform in front of an examiner a full length play and a monologue/duologue.

A2-Level

Unit Three- Exploration of Dramatic Performance. Students work together to produce an original piece of theatre. A supporting record of work is submitted.

Unit Four – Theatre text in context. This unit ends with a 3 ½ hour exam. Students study a play from Shakespeare and see a modern production; in the exam they compare the production seen with original conditions. Students also study text and write about their chosen play in the role of a director in the exam.

Assessment

Unit One – Internally assessed and externally moderated (20% of total GCE).

Unit Two – Visiting examiner. Externally assessed (30%).

Unit Three – Internally assessed and externally moderated (20%).

Unit Four – Written exam paper. Externally moderated (30%).

Careers Guidance

Drama allows students to develop skills for life and although students may not want to pursue a career within the Performing Arts, the skills they will develop in the drama classroom will be priceless in any career they pursue. Students will find themselves to be confident speakers, able to work with many different people in varying group sizes, be aware of how to present themselves in job interview, presentations or auditions, able to analyse and evaluate and have a rich understanding of how to interact and communicate with others.

A-Level Drama and Theatre Studies is useful for students considering higher education in any arts or humanities subject including English Language and Literature, Journalism, Dance, Music, Art and Design, and Media Studies.

Career opportunities for students who study A-Level Drama and Theatre Studies include: arts/theatre administration, teaching, arts journalism, directing, acting, designing, stage-management, theatre-management, technician, broadcasting, media presenting, drama therapy and scriptwriting.