

Course Information



A Level Drama

What is A Level Drama?

A Level Drama is about:

- Understanding the social, cultural and historical contexts of performance texts and how they have influenced the development of drama and theatre
- Understanding and learning the practices used in twenty-first century theatre making
- Experiencing a range of opportunities to create theatre, both published text-based and devised work
- Developing the ability to analyse theatre from the viewpoint of the director, actor, designer and audience member

Entry requirements: Grade 5 at GCSE

Year 12:

What will the course cover?

Component 1—Theatre Workshop

(20% of qualification) Performance and creative log

- ◆ Workshops exploring the strategies and working methods of historical and modern day theatre practitioners
- ◆ Research and practical exploration of play scripts both pre and post 1956
- ◆ Creation of a piece of theatre based on a reinterpretation of a text chosen by WJEC, using the methods of an influential practitioner

Year 13:

Component 2—Text in Action

(40% of qualification) Two performances and a written report

- ◆ Creation of a devised piece from a stimulus and an extract from a text in a contrasting style
- ◆ Process and evaluation written report

Component 3—Written Examination

(40% of qualification) Two and a half hour written exam

- ◆ Exploration of two different texts (post and pre 1956)
- ◆ Analyse an extract from 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'

How is it assessed?

Exam board: WJEC Eduqas

In Component 1 students are assessed by the centre and marks are externally moderated. Component 2 is assessed by a visiting examiner. Component 3 is a formal written exam, externally marked.

What next?

Further study and career opportunities in Drama and Theatre include university degrees in Drama, Acting, Actor, Director, Costume, Set, Sound or Lighting Designer, Arts Management, Theatre in Education, Drama therapy, Community Arts and Teaching. For more information about the courses, your suitability for them, and possible career paths for students with Drama see Mrs Goodge, Head of Faculty, or any of the Drama teachers.