

Drama and Theatre A Level



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

OCR's A Level in Drama and Theatre has been designed to be a practical, engaging and creative specification for learners to study. It will provide you with opportunities to interrogate drama and the work of others, to explore a range of drama as a practical art form, and to work independently to create your own drama performances making informed artistic choices.



DO YOU:

- Enjoy going to the theatre?
- Love acting?
- Love reading plays?
- Like to discuss ideas?
- Love working practically?
- Work well with other enthusiastic people?
- Want to develop your performance skills?
- Have experience of performance GCSE or extra-curricular?

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

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



PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Practitioners in Practice
Study of two theatre practitioners and a text.
Creation of devised performance influenced by one practitioner and using text as initial stimulus.

40% of A Level

Exploring Texts for Performance

Study of one set text.
Performance of an extract from set text.

20% of A Level

Analysing Performance

Two questions on a theme (two set texts studied).
Analysis of live theatre.

20% of A Level

Written exam paper

Deconstructing Text for Performance

Directorial annotation of extract from studied text.
Extended response to set text.

20% 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.

FUTURE CAREERS

This course will also prepare learners for the further study of Drama or Performing Arts courses in Higher Education as well as developing 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.

