



Drama and Theatre Studies

Why Drama and Theatre?

A-Level Drama is an ideal choice for anyone who has a passion for drama, live theatre and performing. It is an exciting course with a practical focus that will challenge you to develop your knowledge and understanding of theatre performance, design and directing. You will create original devised work inspired by drama practitioners and learn from professional live theatre. You will also grow in confidence, range and skill as a performer through the exploration of engaging and inspiring play texts.

This course is useful for anyone looking for a career in the Arts or Media however, transferable skills like communication, collaboration, creativity, problem solving and resilience that are inherent in drama are hugely valued by all employers.

“Universities, like many employers, value a rounded education. If, for example, a budding young scientist has met their course’s requirements by taking biology and maths, why shouldn’t they vary their experience with a language or an arts subject?”

Tim Bradshaw, Chief Executive, Russell Universities Group

What can I expect?

The A- Level Drama and Theatre course is comprised of three units. Component 1 – develop an original performance in response to the work of a theatre practitioner, documented in an accompanying portfolio. Component 2 – perform two extracts from a play text with a focus on both group and solo or paired performances. Component 3 – end of course written examination evaluating a live theatre performance and detailing ideas for the performance and direction of two studied set texts.

Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to develop your analytical and evaluative skills as you examine drama and the work of others. You will work as either a performer and/or designer on three different performances.

What do I need?

A grade 5 in GCSE Drama.

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What about the future?

This course equips you for many aspects of the Creative Industry, including Performing, Marketing, Design Work and Technical Roles. Your course will be recognised by higher education institutions and you will be fully prepared for a higher education training in the arts. Careers within the Arts include a performer/ Drama Therapist/ Stage Manager/ Theatre Director however, equipped with the transferable skills a creative subject like this offers you will be a highly valued employee in a diverse range of industries.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the course please see Mrs. Lang.