

A LEVEL DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES



Course description

Awarding Body: Edexcel.

Examinations

Component 1 Devising – Practical performance and written coursework (40%).

Component 2 Scripted Performance – Assessed by visiting examiner (20%)

Component 3 Written Examination – 2 hours and 30 minutes on set texts and live performance (40%).

Non-Examined Assessment

Course content

Component 1 Devising - Students devise an original piece of theatre using a given stimulus and a theatrical practitioner.

Component 2 Text in Performance - Students prepare and perform a key extract from a performance text as a group. Students also perform either a Monologues or a Duologue of a key extract from a second, different performance text. Students could choose design skills like set, costume, lighting, and sound instead of acting.

Component 3 Theatre Makers in Practice.

Section A - a Study of Live Theatre.

Section B - Page to stage- practical exploration and study of a complete play text – students will be examined on their response to an extract of the play in examination conditions.

Section C - Interpreting a Performance Text- practical exploration and interpretation of another complete play text considering a chosen practitioner and thinking about how the text could be reimaged for a contemporary audience.

Entry requirements

Students should have a level 7 or above in Drama and English.

Future opportunities

Past students have gone on to study Drama or Drama and English, Law and Psychology at University as well as Film and Television Studies, Marketing, Teaching, Theatre Administration, Stage Management, Public Relations, Television Production and Journalism. Several students have gone on to train as actors at Drama schools.

Further information

100% of Students who studied Drama in 2023 gained an A to B Grade.

Students have gone on to study Drama and acting at drama schools and universities such as Exeter, Lancaster and Birmingham.