



Drama and Theatre Studies

AS and A2 Level

Requirements for entry to the course:

Above all else, any student considering this course must have a serious interest in Theatre and performance. A grade B in GCSE English is required in order that the written aspects of the course might be tackled successfully. A good grade at GCSE Drama is advantageous but not essential.

The course details:

AS Level. Edexcel 8DR01

Unit 1: Exploration of Drama and Theatre

- Students are required to study two texts, which are explored practically, in order to develop a deep understanding of how playwrights communicate ideas to an audience. The practical work is supported by exploration notes.
- Students are required to evaluate live theatre.

Unit 2: Theatre Text in Performance

- Students are required to offer a monologue or duologue, or a design skill in support of performers.
- Students are required to contribute to the performance of a professionally published play, either as a performer or a designer.

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Unit 3: Exploration of Dramatic Performance

- Students are required to create a unique and original piece of theatre. Students will be assessed on both the creation and the finished product in the form of a performance to an invited audience.

Unit 4: Theatre Text in Context

- This externally assessed written unit requires the students to study in detail one prescribed text and one prescribed historical period of theatrical development.

Theatre is a collaborative process, therefore co-operative teamwork is essential. Good organisational skills are also important. Whilst much of the course is practically based, a serious commitment to note-taking and written coursework is obligatory.