



DRAMA & THEATRE

A LEVEL

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

In Drama and Theatre you will build performance, design and directing skills through practical lessons, while giving you the written communication skills necessary to flourish in the examined paper in theory lessons. Each lesson you will unpick and analyse scripts for meaning and discover how historical context impacts upon theatre performances, whilst also viewing and critiquing the work of professional companies.

You will experiment and push your imagination by exploring the techniques of a variety of influential theatre directors and companies (Theatre Practitioners). You will choose which practitioners and styles you specialise in. Teamwork and creativity are key skills for success in life and this course gives you plenty of opportunities to develop them.

FIRST YEAR TOPICS

- Antigone by Sophocles
- Theatre Practitioners including The Paper Birds, Berkoff, Theatre Alibi and Frantic Assembly
- Live Theatre Analysis including theatre trips.
- Creating Original Drama (devising performance).

SECOND YEAR TOPICS

- Our Country's Good by Timberlake Wertenbaker
- Theatre Practitioners including Stanislavski and Katie Mitchell
- Making Theatre: Performance of an extract of a script
- Live Theatre Analysis including theatre trips.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Students will experience Performing Arts Career Days, workshops, and see approximately three live performances over the two years. In the past we've seen performances at the National Theatre in London, Bristol Old Vic and local theatres as well as have touring companies perform in college.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- GCSEs to include a minimum Grade 4 in English.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED:

- 40% written examination
- 30% devised performance
- 30% performance of an extract

WHERE CAN DRAMA & THEATRE TAKE YOU?

UNIVERSITY COURSES

- Drama and performance related courses
- Nursing
- Law
- History
- English
- Journalism, Film, Media

CAREER PATHWAYS

- Performing
- Technical Theatre
- Teaching
- Event Management
- Advertising and PR
- Arts Administration