

A-Level Drama and Theatre studies

This is a qualification that will engage students through encouraging creativity, focusing on practical work which reflects 21st-century theatre practice and developing skills that will support progression to further study of drama and a wide range of other subjects.

Below you will find the three elements that we complete during the two years of the course.

Component 1: Devising

Internally assessed, externally moderated.

40 % of the qualification.

The assessment is in two parts;

- Written portfolio (60 marks)
- Devised performance (20 marks)

Component 2: Text in Performance

Externally assessed.

20% of the qualification.

The assessment is based on two performances;

- A group performance from one text (36 marks)
- A monologue or duologue from another text (24 marks)

Component 3: Theatre makers in practice

Written exam.

40% of the qualification.

The written exam is in three parts;

- Live theatre evaluation (20 marks)
- Page to stage, realising an extract in performance (36 marks)
- Interpreting a performance text, a re-imagined production concept and the audience impact (24 marks)



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Exam Board	Edexcel
Assessment	Coursework and External examination
Overview	<p>An A level in Drama and Theatre studies allows students to develop a variety of dramatic and theatrical skills - including performing, directing and critical evaluation - alongside an understanding and appreciation of drama and theatre in a social, cultural and historical context. The course is taught through a practical and theoretical context which allows students to develop their understanding of the origins of Theatre and develops their practical skill.</p>
Entry Requirements	<p>Open to students who have achieved 4 6-9 GCSE including English. 6 and above in GCSE Drama is essential.</p>
Units studied	<p>Component 1: Non-examination assessment 40% of the qualification. Component 2: Non-examination assessment 20% of the qualification. Component 3: Written examination 40% of the qualification.</p>
Future pathways	<p>A-level Drama and Theatre Studies will allow students to successfully develop strong analytical and creative skills, gain a thorough understanding of drama and theatre and have an ability to communicate effectively with others. All of these are sought after skills by higher education and employers and will help young people to stand out in the workplace whatever their choice of career.</p> <p>Career opportunities for students who study A-level Drama and Theatre Studies include: Arts/theatre administration, arts journalism, director, actor, designer, playwright, stage management, theatre management, theatrical agent, technician, broadcasting, media presenting, education, drama therapy and scriptwriting.</p>

