

A-Level Drama & Theatre Studies

Why take Drama?

Drama & Theatre Studies is a subject to take if pupils would like a job in the entertainment industry, in front of an audience or behind the scenes. It also helps with confidence, public speaking, presentation and group/social/team building skills so it can be useful for pupils wishing to go into business, sales or any areas where public speaking is a key feature of the job. It is also relevant and interesting to people who are interested in culture or social issues.

The Course

Drama & Theatre Studies is geared to exploring a wider range of Drama content including more contemporary practitioners/theatre groups, making study more relevant to pupils wanting to pursue a career in this field. Pupils can now choose and research an area of practical study to support and enhance their performances, rather than study a limited, prescribed course. The course's scope is both challenging and exciting.

There are 4 units in the A-Level. The pupils only sit one written examination paper each year. This gives us plenty of time in class to work on both the practical and the written units. This means the opportunity for greater preparation and polish, supporting the pupils in achieving their predicted grades.

Theatre trips are run during the course to enable the pupils to answer questions in their examination. They will be evening trips; however it is essential the students see as many as possible to enable them to have a wider understanding of theatre and knowledge of live performance to answer the examination questions in detail. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact either Mrs Blazer or Mrs Holmes.

A Summary of the A-Level Course

****DRAM1****

Written – Live Theatre Production Seen and Prescribed Play
1 ½ hours, 100 Marks, 60% of the AS

****DRAM2****

Practical Presentation of an Extract from a Play
80 Marks, 40% AS

****DRAM3****

Written – Further prescribed plays including Pre-Twentieth Century
2 hours, 100 marks, 30% A2
Study of two set plays

****DRAM4****

Practical Presentation of Devised Drama
80 Marks, 20% A2