

A-LEVEL / AQA / 2 YEARS

DRAMA & THEATRE

Drama & Theatre allows students to explore texts and practitioners from a practical angle. Learners discover how to turn the words of a playwright into a performance for an audience by studying text, ways of performing, acting, directing and design for the stage.

During the two years of the course, students will complete a variety of practical and written elements which will prepare them fully for the final performance and written exam. Students will study set plays, watch live theatre, take part in workshops with visiting professionals and look at how historical people and events have shaped the way drama and theatre has grown.

TEACHING & LEARNING METHODS

Drama & Theatre is a practical subject and the majority of lessons will be practical, based around exploring text and styles of theatre. When we are preparing for a performance, the lessons will be used as mutual rehearsal time, based around the practical needs of the specific performance. There is also a written element to the course and this will be taught in a more traditional classroom. The learning will have a specific purpose and will culminate in performances to live audiences. The course will have elements to suit all kinds of students and enable them to develop a variety of skills along the way.

ASSESSMENT

This course is assessed through two practical performances with accompanying portfolios of evidence alongside a written examination.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Drama & Theatre combines well with a large variety of subjects, both vocational and academic and will support entry to higher education courses. For example learners could combine Drama & Theatre with Performing Arts, Dance or Music to follow a specific Performing Arts route or with Business Studies, Media and other arts to follow creative events courses. Drama & Theatre also combines well with English, Classics and Psychology due to the nature of texts studied and character analysis.