A Level Drama & Theatre

AIMS OF THE COURSE

By following the Edexcel syllabus of this course you will gain a deeper understanding of how theatre works and you will have opportunities to be a performer, a designer and an active audience member. In all of these areas you will gain skills and understanding that will prove to be valuable and rewarding in the future.

COURSE CONTENT AND SKILLS REQUIRED

Whatever your previous experience, being an A Level Drama and Theatre student will be thought provoking, challenging and exciting. Much of your time will be spent working practically with others. A lot of your enjoyment and achievement relies on your commitment to working as a member of a team. Regular attendance and punctuality are important.

You will also need to work as an individual in researching material and putting your knowledge and understanding down on paper. You must be prepared to work independently, whether seeing theatre performances, carrying out research, learning lines, acquiring props or rehearsing for performance.

ASSESSMENT

A Level Drama & Theatre will be assessed through a combination of a 40% written exam and 60% internal assessment.

You will be required to demonstrate a practical understanding of two complete performance texts and at least three key extracts from three other texts.
You must study the work and methodologies of two theatre practitioners at A2.

You will be required to participate in a minimum of two performances, one which is devised and one from a studied text.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who have completed Drama and Theatre may move onto a variety of university courses or specialist performance schools. There are also career opportunities in all areas of the arts in addition to performance or teaching.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for Level 3 academic study apply. Additionally you should have a Grade 5 or above in English and you will be required to take part in an audition.