

Course Level

A Level

Awarding Body

Eduqas

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Drama. If GCSE Drama has not been taken, it is a requirement to have Grade 5 in either English Language or Literature.

Assessment

Component 1: Devising

Internally examined performance and Coursework

20% of the qualification

60 marks

Component 2: Text in performance

Externally examined performance

40% of the qualification

120 marks

Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice

Written examination: 2 hours and 30 minutes

40% of the qualification

120 marks

DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

A Level Drama and Theatre Studies is a two-year course that consists of three units and is structured similarly to the GCSE. Throughout the course students will study a variety of texts and will be exposed to as much live theatre as possible. There are opportunities to devise their own work and to work with challenging and engaging texts. Students who choose Drama and Theatre Studies as an option must be clear that although some of the course is practically based, there is a significant amount of theory, with written coursework and an exam making up 64% of the marks. Throughout the course, students will develop a multitude of skills, including collaboration, communication and an understanding of how to amend and refine work in order to make a smooth transition in to their next level of study or employment.

Component 1: Theatre Workshop 20%

Learners will be assessed on either acting or design. You will participate in the creation, development, and performance of a piece of theatre based on a reinterpretation of an extract. You will produce: A creative log of based on the rehearsal process A performance lasting between 5-16 minutes (depending on the number of actors in your group) Teacher assessed, and externally moderated

Component 2: Text in Action 40%

Learners will be assessed on either acting or design. You will participate in the creation, development, and performance of two pieces of theatre: a devised piece using the techniques of an influential theatre practitioner or company an extract from a text in a different style You will also produce a written Process and Evaluation Report. Externally assessed by a visiting examiner

Component 3: Text in Performance 40%

Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes You will answer: A series of questions based on your chosen set texts. You will also discuss and reflect upon live productions seen during the year. Externally assessed examination

Career Progression

With a qualification in Drama and Theatre Studies students could go on to higher education, study a Drama related course or work in the Theatre industry. The skills we develop in Drama feed in to almost every single job and studying Drama does not limit your future in terms of your career path. Many people who study Drama then go on to enter the world of marketing, telecommunication, management, teaching, sales, therapy, social work; your opportunities are boundless. You could choose a career more specifically related to Drama and become an actor, presenter, director, stage manager, community arts worker or perhaps a drama therapist.

Link to specification: <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/wuldiact/eduqas-a-level-drama-spec-from-2016-e-201124.pdf>