Drama and Theatre Studies

A Level

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Exam Board: AQA

What is the course about?

The drama course is centred around creativity; performance, script appreciation and original devised work that are blended together towards a deeper understanding of the world of theatre. We study the full range of theatre practitioners and approaches to work that heavily influences the theatre of today.

The course involves the theatrical processes and practices used in interpreting and performing theatre; looks at how conventions, forms and techniques are used in drama and live theatre to create meaning and how creative and artistic choices influence how meaning is communicated to an audience.

During the course you will learn how to create and develop original devised ideas to communicate meaning as part of the theatre making process; drawing on and demonstrating a practical understanding of the subject content towards developing your own ideas.

What will I study in the first year?

You will explore all three units in year 12 which aims to give you the foundation skills, knowledge and understanding needed to move on.

What will I study in the second year?

Your work will be fully assessed in this time as your deepen your understanding and appreciation of the subject as you study more plays and practitioners at a more advanced level.

How is the course assessed?

Assessment is 40% written exam 30% Devised Performance and 30% Scripted Exploration and Performance; assessed in the second year.

What skills will I develop in this course?

Students of A Level Drama develop skills that are not just essential for drama but applicable to a wide range of higher education subjects and in the workplace. This course refines students' collaborative skills, their analytical thinking and their approach to research. Students grow in confidence and maturity as they successfully realise their own ideas. They learn to evaluate objectively and develop a sound appreciation of the influences that cultural and social contexts can have on decision making.

What does this subject offer for higher education and future careers?

Drama aims to inspire students to become independent theatre makers with the skills they need to go on to higher education, whether that is to study a course in drama and theatre or another subject.

This subject is far from being an easy option; Whatever the future holds, students of A Level Drama and Theatre emerge with a toolkit of transferable skills preparing them for their next steps.