

DRAMA

Specification: OCR Drama and Theatre H059-H459 (A Level)

Introduction

Students must complete four components. There is a really mix of theory and practical explorations. It is a rigorous but exciting A level.

A Level Drama & Theatre (2 year course)

Component group 1: Practitioners in practice (40% of the qualification) Students explore practically the work of theatre practitioners and create devised theatre. In support of their performance, they must produce a written creative portfolio.

Component 2: Exploring and performing texts (20% of the qualification) Students explore one performance text in its entirety and perform part of the text to the visiting examiner.

Component 3: Analysing performance (written Examination 20% of the qualification) Students explore practically two performance texts on a chosen theme, and analyse and evaluate live theatre.

Component 4: Deconstructing texts for performance (written examination 20% of the qualification) Students will interpret and explore practically a performance text (*The Crucible*) considering how to create, develop and direct a performance for an audience.

Personal Qualities

Students need to be prepared to perform in class and in front of a live audience. They must enjoy collaborating with others when creating new theatre. Students will be required to carry our independent research around key practitioners and enjoy going to the theatre.

After A Levels

Drama and Theatre may be studied post-18 in a variety of ways. If students are aiming for drama school A level Drama and Theatre is incredibly useful, and it is good preparation for Drama at university, and for creative writing courses. However, Drama is still a very useful A level for those who wish to study other subjects at degree level.

What our current year 12 say right now:

“A Level Drama is both academic and creative. It lets me express myself in a way no other subject can.”

“I chose Drama because I was really interested in the subject and now I look forward to every lesson and it is so different from my other subjects.”

