

# THEATRE STUDIES

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*“If you love the process of **performance**, have a desire to **create** and **express** your own ideas and emotions, and possess the skills to communicate and explain your ideas in an efficient and clear manner, then Theatre Studies may be the right subject for you at A Level. You’ll also need to have strong empathetic and team-working skills and be able to use these in and outside the classroom.”*



## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

The first area of study has a devising focus – working from a stimulus and in the light of a recognised theatre practitioner, you will be asked to create a piece of original drama that you will perform for an invited audience. You’ll be required to detail how this has been developed from a central, overarching idea and reflect on your process and performance of the piece.

The second area of study occurs in your second year and is almost entirely focused on performance. You will be required to play a role in a performance of an extract of a scripted play, whilst at the same time preparing a monologue or duologue.

The third area is all about preparation for the exam at the end of the course. You’ll study two separate published play-texts in light of recognised theatre practitioners, and also hone the art of responding in writing to live theatre performances that you will have experienced throughout the course.

Outside of the classroom you will be able to immerse yourself in professional theatre thanks to our visits to plays in London, Stratford and more locally, in Newcastle.

## ASSESSMENT

- Assessed practical responses – an externally marked performance exam and devised coursework performances.
- Written coursework.
- Final written examination.

## FUTURE PLANS

Theatre Studies is an established route of acceptance into top drama schools, but it also prepares you to impress universities who are looking for students with a unique voice. Recently, leavers who have studied Theatre Studies have gone on to study high-demand subjects at some of the top universities in the country.

## TO APPLY

Grade 7-9 in any English Language, English Literature or Drama GCSE is desirable. You will also need to demonstrate a commitment to any of the performance disciplines in and out of school.