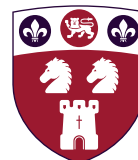


A LEVEL DRAMA AND THEATRE

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Examination board: Edexcel 9DR0



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*“If you love the process of **performance**, have a desire to **explore** your own ideas and the world around you and possess the skills to **communicate** in a clear and thoughtful manner, then A Level Drama and Theatre may be the right subject for you. You’ll also need to have **strong empathetic and collaborative 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 play-text 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 personal process and performance of the piece in a written portfolio.

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

The third area prepares you for the written examination at end of the course, though most of the classwork is undertaken practically. You’ll study two separate published play-texts in light of recognised theatre practitioners, explore design elements in the modern theatre 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 moderated coursework performance of devised drama.
- Written coursework.
- Final written examination.

FUTURE PLANS

A Level Drama and Theatre 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 this subject have gone on to study high-demand subjects at some of the top universities in the country, including Oxbridge.

TO APPLY

Grade 7–9 in any English Language, English Literature or Drama GCSE is desirable. You should also demonstrate a commitment to any of the performance disciplines outside the classroom.