

DRAMA

WHY STUDY DRAMA *at* STONYHURST?

MORE THAN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Stonyhurst is close to the major theatres in the North West. We frequent the theatre at Manchester and Liverpool to see the best live theatre available.

We will help you to develop and share your individual gifts and talents, learn from others and to reach your full potential as both a student and a person, preparing you for a successful future, wherever it may take you.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Theatre is a dynamic, collaborative and live art form. It is a practical subject that encourages

discovery through experimentation, the taking of risks and the presentation of ideas to others.

Students develop skills that are applicable to a wide range of higher education subjects.

You will learn to develop both theatre and life skills; the building of confidence, creativity and working collaboratively.

Through the study of drama and theatre, you will become aware of your own personal and cultural perspectives and will learn to appreciate the diversity of theatre across time, place and culture, promoting international-mindedness.

Higher education institutions value and respect the skills and academic rigour that drama and theatre qualifications give students.

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ Enthusiasm, drive and a desire to learn
- ✓ A passion for performance or theatre
- ✓ Commitment to rehearsals
- ✓ Open-mindedness
- ✓ Skills for collaborative work



WHERE COULD IT TAKE ME?

Stonyhurst Drama graduates go on to enjoy successful careers in fields such as:

- Actor / Dancer
- Choreographer
- Director / Producer (theatre, TV or film)
- Stage manager / theatre manager
- Technical jobs in lighting, sound, set or costume design
- Broadcast presenter

Organisations that often employ drama graduates include:

- ✓ educational institutions
- ✓ arts organisations
- ✓ media companies
- ✓ hospitality and leisure organisations

WHAT SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

- ✓ Academic clinics – offered weekly in the department. These are drop-in sessions and are available to all
- ✓ A huge range of play texts, many of which are unavailable anywhere else in the world
- ✓ The latest light and sound technology in both of the school theatres
- ✓ Workshops run by industry professionals and travelling theatre companies
- ✓ Teachers with professional experience in theatre, television and theatre-in-education work

COURSE ENRICHMENT

- ✓ Interline Drama competition – ‘Whose Line Is It Anyway?’ style, improvisation performance-event held annually

- ✓ Regular trips to see live theatre – one trip every term to Manchester, Liverpool, Blackpool, Preston etc. to broaden knowledge of professional theatre and the industry
- ✓ Experience of working with visiting theatre companies – who come to Stonyhurst to deliver experiences in devising and physical theatre workshops
- ✓ LAMDA examinations – opportunities to undertake globally recognised qualifications in theatre
- ✓ Major school productions – an annual Christmas musical (Alice in Wonderland - most recent performance)
- ✓ Great Academies production for whole-school celebratory weekend in May (previous performances have included Lord of the Flies and The Tempest)

WHAT COURSE IS ON OFFER?

A LEVEL DRAMA & THEATRE AQA

Component 1: Study of Drama & Theatre (analysis of two set play texts and the work of theatre makers in live production)

Written exam – 40%

Component 2: Creating Original Drama (a devised performance influenced by work and methodologies of a prescribed practitioner)

Performance and coursework – 30%

Component 3: Making Theatre (practical exploration of extracts from three different plays using methodologies of prescribed practitioner)

Performance of a script and coursework – 30%

This qualification emphasises practical creativity alongside research and theoretical understanding. Students learn through experience, seeing theatre and making theatre for themselves.

You will be introduced to a wide range of theatrical styles and contexts as you devise, explore play-texts practically and work on performances.



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