

Preferred Previous Studies

Drama GCSE will provide a firm basis for Theatre Studies at Advanced Level. However, whilst it is useful, **it is not essential** to have Drama experience. Enthusiasm and a love of theatre are the most important qualities.

Grade B or above in English Language or Literature is desirable.

Course Content

AS

Unit 1 1½ hour written paper

Section A: Response to live theatre

Section B: Study of one set play from the viewpoint of actor/director/designer

Unit 2 Practical assessment

Presentation of an extract from a play – exploring the methods of a nominated Theatrical practitioner. The assessment includes preparatory and development work and supporting notes.

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Unit 3 2 hour written paper

Section A: Study of a pre 20th century play from the viewpoint of actor/director/designer

Section B: Study of a 20th century play requiring suggestions for a complete stage realisation of a short extract printed in the paper.

Unit 4 Practical assessment

Devised drama exploring a selected theatrical style. The assessment includes preparatory and development work and supporting notes.

General Comments

AS/A Level Theatre Studies complements any Arts degree and is an ideal subject for anyone considering a career in Performing Arts, Media, Journalism and Public Relations. Past students have gone on to become TV Directors, Film Operators, Screenwriters, Journalists, Actors, Events Managers, PR Consultants, Set Designers, Costume Designers, Teachers.

There are numerous Universities that offer courses either specific to or related to Drama and Theatre Arts. This course will develop and deepen your understanding and enjoyment of Theatre and Drama. You will experience a wide range of theatre styles and performances, both as audience and participant. It is important to have commitment, enthusiasm and confidence in front of an audience.

Extra curricular opportunities for Year 12 and 13 Theatre Studies students include:

- Community Theatre project – touring primary schools with a production and workshop
- The Bedlam Theatre Company
- Main school production work – on stage or behind the scenes
- Performing Arts Event – writing, performing, producing, directing
- Assisting with the running of the Junior Drama Clubs
- In class support for lower school Drama lessons
- KS3 Shakespeare Workshops to support Year 9 SATs preparation
- An extensive range of theatre visits