

YEAR 10 & 11 COURSES

Subject Drama
Course Level GCSE
Examining Body Edexcel

What will I be studying?

You will study skills needed to:

- Create original works for performance
- Rehearse and perform extracts from existing plays
- Design the technical elements of performance
- Analyse and interpret a set text script
- Review Live Theatre

In this course students will be expected to:

- Attend extra rehearsals with their groups
- Perform whenever is possible
- Attend at least one performance at a theatre
- Be ready to learn and to challenge their knowledge and understanding

This course will give you an insight to the World of Theatre, its practitioners and the roles within the industry.

What skills will I develop?

You will develop a number of subject specific and transferable skills in:

- Verbal and non-verbal communication
- Performing to an audience
- Confidence
- Creative processes
- Empathy and characterisation
- Theatre design
- Theatre production
- Evaluation techniques and problem solving
- Time and project management
- Team work and leadership
- Structuring exam questions and writing
- Descriptive and analytical skills
- Risk-taking
- Self esteem

How will the course be structured? **Year 10.**

- Intro practitioners such as Stanislavski and Brecht (theory and practical)
- Drama techniques
- Creating your own piece of theatre (either as scriptwriter, designer, lighting, sound, costume and set)
- Script work and performances.
- Running your own rehearsals and working collaboratively
- Theatre trips and theatre workshops with visiting industry professionals in all departments.

Year 11.

- Business: Creating a brief and learning more about the production through proposals and delivery to set up your own theatre company.
- Component 3 main focus- developing evaluating and analytical skills.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Devising – 40% of the GCSE You will be given a stimulus which you and your group will need to devise an original performance for an audience. You will need to complete a 2000-word portfolio that explains the process. Marked internally moderated by exam board

Component 2: Performance from Text – 20% of the GCSE. You will perform two extracts that are consecutively either as a monologue, duologue or group. Marked externally by Exam board

Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice – 40% of the GCSE mark. You will undertake a written paper, Section A looks at a set text through the eyes of a performer, director and designer. Section B is a live Theatre Review

If you have any further questions about taking this course, who should you speak to?

1. Head of Drama – Ms Stavrianakos