

Subject: Drama and Theatre	Awarding Body: OCR
Head of Dept: Mrs Sharman-Everton	Teachers: Mrs Sharman-Everton

Preferred entry requirements: Grade 6 or above in GCSE Drama

Specification Content

A level		Marks
Component 1 Practitioners in Practice	Devising a performance using a set text and two theatre practitioners as stimuli. Designer and performer routes available.	40% of total A level 120 marks Internally Assessed
Component 2 Exploring and Performing Texts	A monologue/duologue or group performance/design realisation of one key extract from a text.	20% of total A level 60 marks Externally assessed
Component 3 Analysing Performance	A live theatre evaluation, exploration and realisation of two contrasting performance texts.	20% of total A level 60 marks Externally assessed
Component 4 Deconstructing Texts for Performance	Learners will interpret and explore practically a performance text and prepare it for an audience.	20% of total A level 60 marks Externally assessed

Structure of the course:

Component 1 – Practitioners in Practice: Students will develop their creative and exploratory skills to devise an original performance. The starting point for this devising process will be an extract from a performance text and two influential theatre practitioners.

Component 2 – Exploring and Performing Texts: Students will study a key extract from a text and perform to an audience. Students may complete this component either as a performer or as a designer

Component 3 –Analysing Performance: This component requires students to consider, analyse and evaluate how different theatre makers create impact whilst watching live theatre.

Component 4 – Deconstructing Texts for Performance: Students will practically study a performance text learning how writer's intention can be manipulated to communicate meaning to an audience.

Method:

The course is designed to include practical and theoretical aspects of Drama. Students work individually and in small groups to devise, direct, design, perform, analyse and evaluate performance. The content encourages students to develop their strengths and allows students to specialise in particular areas of interest.

Strengths/Skills developed through studying this subject:

Students will develop performance, technical and analytical skills through the study of A level Drama. They will have the opportunity to develop skills as a theatre maker and develop the ability to evaluate, analyse and critique live theatre. Students will develop collaborative working methods, communication and the ability to amend and refine work which are all transferrable skills that help make a smooth transition to the next level of study or employment

What students do with this qualification:

Students completing an A level in Drama and Theatre will have access to Drama schools and university courses that relate directly to performance or stage management. University courses that benefit from the skills acquired in Drama and Theatre will also benefit from students taking this qualification. For example law, human resources, people management. The course also develops people skills, time management, confidence, the ability to work collaboratively and would be beneficial for employment where these skills are desirable.