Drama and Theatre Studies A-level

Why study this subject?

The study of drama involves the study of people. In studying this subject you will be developing your understanding of how human beings interact with each other, as well as improving your communication and performance skills - both things that employers and universities value highly. Drama compliments subjects such as English and the humanities and balances nicely against the study of maths and science to show that you are a well-rounded student.

And of course, drama is also for those people who want to pursue a career in theatre, film or TV, or simply those who want to take their passion for performance to the next level.

How is the course structured?

Component 1: Devising
Devise an original Theatre using one extract and practitioner.

Component 2: Text in performance
A group performance of one key extract from a text and a duologue / monologue.

Component 3: Theatre Makers in practice:
- Section A: Live Theatre evaluation. One extended response.
- Section B: Stage to page of a performance text studies. Two extended responses as a performer or designer.
- Section C: Interpreting a performance text. One extended response as a director of another performance text studied and link to a practitioner.

How is the course assessed?

Component 1:
Part A: portfolio/ written or verbal (60 marks). Part B: Devised performance (20 marks)
Internally assessed and externally moderated and worth 40% of the A-level.

Component 2:
Externally assessed by visiting examiner and worth 20% of the A-level.

Component 3:
Written examination (2hrs 30 mins) and worth 40% of the A-level.

What are the entry requirements?

General A-level entry requirements plus a grade 6 in GCSE drama.

What are the opportunities if I choose this course?

Students studying drama will have access to our outstanding drama facilities including three well equipped drama studios and theatre. Students will have the opportunity to visit the theatre...
often throughout the course as well as being encouraged to take part in extracurricular drama performances and clubs.

Where do I go next?

Studying drama shows that you have excellent presentational and communication skills and admissions tutors for many degree subjects will think highly of an application that includes drama A-level, as will employers. Students studying drama often go onto university to study a drama degree and there are lots of opportunities to study joint degrees such as English with drama, for example. Those who aspire to a life on the stage or in front of the camera might decide to progress from drama A-level to a drama or acting school.