

Drama and Theatre A Level

Eduqas

Overview

The Eduqas A level in Drama and Theatre is an exciting and inspiring course which prepares learners for further study in Higher Education. This highly practical specification provides learners with the opportunity to work as either performers and/or designers on three different performances. The course is made up of three components:

Component 1: Theatre Workshop

Learners reinterpret a text to create a piece of theatre which is a combination of the selected text and original ideas

Component 2: Text in Action

Learners engage with a stimulus to create two pieces of theatre; one an interpretation of a text of their own choice and the other a devised piece.

Component 3: Text in Performance

Learners explore two complete performance texts and one extract from a third text

What skills will I develop?

- You will have the opportunity learn and develop a range of transferable skills and practise applying these to new situations. These include analytical, problem-solving, organisation and time-management skills.
- You will also be able work collaboratively to generate, develop and communicate ideas, all of which will develop your emotional intelligence.
- Your practical skills will be refined and will demonstrate creativity, reflection and resilience, as well as developing confidence and strong presentation skills.
- Your written skills, both analytical and creative, as well as your ability to self-reflect, will be developed through a range of tasks.
- Studying Drama and Theatre will give you opportunities for higher order thinking, by considering ideas which go beyond language. This is great brain-training which will help you in other areas too.
- Through studying Drama and Theatre, you will be equipped with the skills to succeed in your next steps.

What could I do next?

Drama will enable you to demonstrate many skills which employers, colleges and universities will be looking for. It can also give you opportunities to travel, meet people and get the most out of life.

Some students go on to study Drama in some of the most recognised Drama colleges and conservatoires in Britain such as RADA, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, and the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. Many also choose to study Drama as degree courses in Universities. A number of students forge successful careers as Actors, Directors, Lighting or Sound Designers, Costume, Hair and Make-Up Designers or Stage Designers. There are many other career paths within the industry including Stage Managers, Press and PR Managers and Producers.

Others go on to various Universities (including Russell Group) to read a diverse range of subjects and work within an extremely broad range of careers including teaching, law, publishing, politics, translation, science, occupational therapy, journalism.

Entry Requirements

- Grade 6 or above in Drama or Dance. In the absence of Drama GCSE we would expect students to have some performance experience and extra-curricular engagement within the Performing Arts
- Grade 5 or above in English Language
- 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above

