



Subject area: **PERFORMING ARTS** (issued February 2019)

Course: **A Level Drama and Theatre Studies**

Level: Level 3

## **Course Details: What will the course consist of and how will it be delivered?**

The course is designed for students who want to develop their performance skills and have a passion for creating and exploring theatre created by others! Assessment is through a mixture of practical performance work, written reflection and analysis and written examination. Students will be expected to work hard in and out of lesson time on their performance pieces and you will need to be able to commit to rehearsals

## **Person Specification—is this the right course for you?**

You will have a passion for performance and writing about performance. You will be expected to work hard in and out of lesson time on your performance pieces and you will need to be able to commit to rehearsals. You must be prepared to work closely with others as well as independently.

Entry on to this course will require you to achieve a minimum of grade 5 in GCSE Drama.

## **Course Outline**

### **Component 1 – Drama and Theatre**

- Knowledge and understanding of drama and theatre
- Study of two set plays
- Analysis of the work of live theatre makers

Assessed through:

- Written exam: 3 hours
- Open book
- 80 marks
- 40% of A Level



### **Component 2 – Creating Original Drama (Practical)**

- Process of creating devised drama
- Performance of devised drama
- Devised piece must be influenced by the work and methodologies of a prescribed practitioner

Assessed through:

- Working notebook (40 marks)
- Devised performance (20 marks)
- 60 marks in total
- 30% of A Level



### Component 3 – Making Theatre (Practical)

- Practical exploration and interpretation of three extracts, each taken from a different play
- Reflective report analysing and evaluating theatrical interpretation of all three extracts

Assessed through:

- Performance of extract 3 (40 marks)
- Reflective report (20 marks)
- 60 marks in total
- 30% of A Level

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### Further progression on completion of the course—what opportunities could this course lead towards in the future?

Students will be able to go on to study Drama in higher education and may lead to work in theatre, film or television.

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### Other important information

<i>Qualification Level</i>	Level 3	<i>'A' Level equivalence</i>	1
<i>Awarding Body</i>	AQA	<i>% Written Exam</i>	40
<i>Lessons per week</i>	4	<i>% Portfolio Evidence</i>	60 (practical and written)
<i>Full course specification</i>	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/a-level/drama-and-theatre-7262">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/a-level/drama-and-theatre-7262</a>		

