

A Level Drama and Theatre Studies

Exam Board: Eduqas

Why study drama?

The WJEC 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 designed to promote a balance between practical theatre making and the theoretical understanding of drama and theatre. This stimulating and engaging course of study encourages learners to make connections between dramatic theory and their own practice.

What does the course involve?

Component 1: Theatre Workshops

20% of the qualification

Learners participate in the creation, development and performance of a piece of theatre based on a reinterpretation of an extract from a text chosen from a list supplied by WJEC. The piece must be developed using the techniques and working methods of either an influential theatre practitioner or a recognised theatre company.

Component 2: Text in Action

40% of the qualification

Learners participate in the creation, development and performance of two pieces of theatre based on a stimulus supplied by WJEC: 1. a devised piece using the techniques and working methods of either an influential theatre practitioner or a recognised theatre company (a different practitioner or company to that chosen for Component 1) 2. an extract from a text in a different style chosen by the learner.

Component 3: Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes.

40% of the qualification

In this component, learners are required to study two complete texts and one extract from a third contrasting text. The texts will represent a range of social, historical and cultural contexts.

What can the qualification lead to?

Skills in communication and confidence; necessary in any pathway a student may choose and can provide the foundations for a range of different professions: Journalist , TV/Radio Presenter , Teacher , Actor , Lighting/Sound Designer. The academic nature of the Drama A Level entwined with the practical element makes this a well-respected qualification that can set students apart from others competing for jobs and/or university places.

Who is it for?

This A Level Drama course is for students with a passion for performance, storytelling, and the creative process of theatre. It's ideal for those who enjoy working collaboratively, want to explore different styles of acting, and are eager to deepen their understanding of drama as both an art form and a powerful medium of communication. It's also a perfect fit for students who are keen to explore the technical, design, and directorial aspects of theatre production. If you're curious, creative, and committed to developing your unique voice, this course offers the tools, training, and opportunities to realize your potential in drama and beyond.