

GCE AS/A LEVEL DRAMA AND THEATRE

Why choose GCE AS/A Level Drama and Theatre?

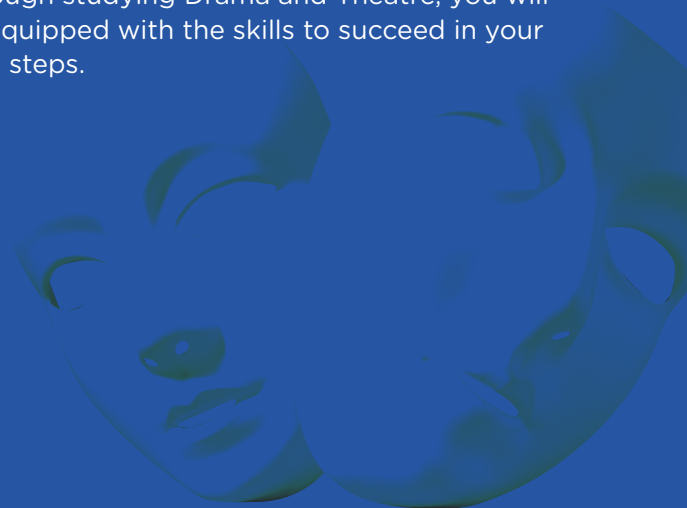
- You can develop your existing performance ability and use this towards achieving an A level.
- You'll gain confidence and have fun.
- You'll learn to work within a team and balance a range of ideas.
- You'll have a mix of practical and written work unlike any other subject.

How will GCE AS/A Level Drama and Theatre help me in the future?

The World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report predicts creativity, innovation and ideation will be key skills for the workforce of the future. These so-called soft skills, which sit alongside analytical thinking and problem-solving, will replace manual tasks that become automated. When business leaders across the world were surveyed, they voted Creativity as the most important workplace capability to help their businesses survive and grow. This means that the study of creative subjects, like Drama, is becoming even more important and relevant to young people to give you the chance to succeed - whatever your ambitions! At the same time, you will find many opportunities to develop and improve your personal wellbeing both independently and as part of a wider community.

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.



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What does GCE A Level Drama and Theatre involve?

WJEC GCE AS /A Level Drama and Theatre is an exciting and inspiring course. This highly practical specification provides you with the opportunity to work as either performers and/or designers.

You will collaborate in devising your own piece of theatre and perform in a performance from a text.

You will also perform in a reinterpretation of a text performance which is a combination of selected text and original ideas.

You will explore a range of texts and view a variety of live theatre productions.

The WJEC GCE AS/A Level Drama and Theatre specification has four units: Theatre Workshop, Text in Theatre, Text in Action and Text in Performance.

AS Unit 1: Theatre Workshop 24%	Learners will be assessed on either acting or design. You will participate in the creation, development and performance of a piece of theatre based on a reinterpretation of an extract. You will produce: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A creative log of based on the rehearsal process• A performance lasting between 5-16 minutes (depending on the number of actors in your group)• An evaluation of the final performance or design.	Teacher assessed, and externally moderated
AS Unit 2: Text in Theatre 16%	Written examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes You will answer: A series of questions based on your chosen set text and on live productions seen during the year.	Externally assessed examination
A2 Unit 3: Text in Action 36%	Learners will be assessed on either acting or design. You will participate in the creation, development and performance of two pieces of theatre: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a devised piece using the techniques of an influential theatre practitioner or company• an extract from a text in a different style You will also produce a written Process and Evaluation Report	Externally assessed by a visiting examiner
A2 Unit 4: Text in Performance 24%	Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes You will answer: A series of questions based on your chosen set texts and on live productions seen during the year.	Externally assessed examination

What could I do next?

The possibilities are endless. 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 and journalism.