

DRAMA IN THE SIXTH FORM

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SUBJECT

Throughout the course, A Level Drama and Theatre students study acting with precision and professionalism. We have achieved very high results and students thoroughly enjoy the course. Many of our students go on to study Drama at University or Drama school.



A LEVEL DRAMA AND THEATRE

Students follow the Edexcel Drama & Theatre A Level syllabus. Equal weighting is given to practical and written assessments. This is a challenging and vigorous course which consists of two non-examination assessments and one externally examined paper.

Component 1 involves the study of a performance text, eg. *The House of Bernarda Alba* by Federico Garcia Lorca, and one theatre practitioner such as Stanislavski. This then leads to a devised piece of original theatre written and performed by the students followed by a portfolio which can be videoed or written.

Component 2 consists of externally assessed performances, group and monologue or duologue, of key extracts from two plays chosen from the syllabus. Past plays include *Mary Stuart*, *Twelfth Night*, *Humble Boy*, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, *James I*, *Brief Encounter* and *She Stoops to Conquer*.

In **Component 3** students sit a written exam on two set plays they have explored practically with a specific practitioner in mind, plus a Live Theatre Evaluation. This year we are studying *Antigone* by Sophocles with the methodologies of Stanislavski, and *That Face* by Polly Stenham. The emphasis is on interpretation, direction, design and performance.

CO-CURRICULAR

Every student has the opportunity to participate in school productions. Drama is not just for those who want to act and there is much scope for budding theatre technicians and stage managers. Many go on to be efficient and well-organised stage managers of our large-scale productions, learning many important life skills along the way. The Ship Theatre offers a thrilling and positive environment for those who get involved. A technical theatre club, for those keen to learn about lighting and sound, takes place once a week in The Ship Theatre.

TRINITY DRAMA

Lessons are taught individually or in pairs by one of our drama staff. Students take grades in Acting and Musical Theatre, and have the opportunity to perform in the Trinity Drama Evening in May of each year. Past results have been exceptionally high and Trinity Drama is a very popular option.

A LEVEL RESULTS 2019

GRADE	A*	A	A* - A
Drama & Theatre	22%	78%	100%

