



A Level

Specification: WJEC Eduquas

DRAMA & THEATRE

What will I study?

Students will gain an understanding of a variety of styles and practitioners in preparation for performance, performing a set extract, and evaluating and analysing performance work.

One of the key highlights of the course is the opportunity for you to perform in front of a visiting examiner. This experience not only enhances your performance skills but also prepares you for real-world scenarios. Furthermore you will have the chance to study a diverse range of play texts, expanding your knowledge and understanding of different theatrical works. The course also incorporates live theatre experiences, enabling students to watch professional theatre works.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed in 3 different components:

Component 1: Theatre Workshop 20% (internally assessed)

- Create a piece of theatre which is a combination of an existing play and your own devising.
- Write a creative log about how you made your performance.

Component 2: Text in Action 40% (externally assessed)

- Create 1 devised piece of theatre in the style of a practitioner.
- Perform 1 scripted piece of theatre in the style of a different practitioner.
- Write a report about how you made your performance and your evaluation of it.

Component 3: Text in Performance 40% (externally assessed)

- A written exam – 2 hours 30 mins.
- 3 Sections (1 script to be studied per section).
- References to live theatre seen during the course must be made.

How will I learn?

There is a combination of internal and external assessment. You will be assessed in both practical and written work. More information can be found on the Eduquas website for A Level Drama.

What skills will I need?

You will need to have experience of performing on stage before joining the course: you should have performed in front of a live audience and be prepared to improve your performance skills throughout the two years.

Resilience and collaboration are key skills to practise, as well as demonstrating a professional performing attitude and following up on feedback given to refine your own practice. You will also need to be able to analyse and evaluate a performance.

Careers & Progression

Performing Arts and Drama can clearly take you into the theatre and film world if that is your goal. However, the skills gained through the course will equip you with the confidence and attributes needed in any career you might wish to pursue, whether that be higher education, apprenticeships, or employment opportunities.