

A Level Drama and Theatre



Exam Board: AQA

Extend your interest and enjoyment in drama and theatre through your development of dramatic and theatrical skills. Encourage your knowledge and understanding of the social and cultural contexts of drama and theatre through detailed study of dramatic texts, and of the work of prescribed theatre practitioners.

Develop your ability to respond critically and sensitively to a range of drama texts and to theatre in performance, through studying and attending theatrical performances of drama written in different periods, in different styles with different aims.

Course summary:

- Oral Communication Skills - Theatre studies will develop your confidence in speaking clearly, lucidly, and thoughtfully – essential to any career path.
- Creative Problem Solving - Abilities Many companies believe that creative problem-solving is essential. You will learn about using creative processes to solve problems – useful in any walk of life.
- More than “get it done” - A-level Theatre Studies students learn to give more than the bare minimum.
- Willingness to Work Cooperatively - A-level Theatre Studies teaches you to work effectively with different people. Employers look for team players.
- Time management skills - Good time management is enormously important to employers.
- Respect for Colleagues - Mutual respect is essential in Theatre Studies
- Adaptability and Flexibility - You will learn to try new ideas, accept new challenges, and have the ability to adapt to constantly changing situations and conditions.
- Leadership Skills - You will have many opportunities to assume leadership roles. Leadership training like this is invaluable in the world of work.
- Enjoyment – “This is Fun!” - When you enjoy something you are much more likely to succeed at it. So join A-level Drama, work hard, achieve well and enjoy the process along the way!

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Assessment:

Component 1: Drama & Theatre

Written exam: 3 Hours. Open Book. 80 Marks, 40% of A-level.

Component 2: Creating Original Drama

Working notebook. Devised performance. 60 marks in total, 30% of A-level.

Component 3: Making Theatre (Practical) Performance of Extract 3.

Reflective report. 60 marks, 30% of A-level.

Who is the course for?

- Students who wish to develop skills in public presentation, collaboration, project management and effective concise writing.
- Students who are looking to take up careers for which drama and theatre studies is relevant. These might include stage management, lighting/sound
- Design, theatre in education, performing arts etc.

Career pathways

A drama degree can set you up for a career in the performing arts but you'll need to be adaptable, enterprising and persistent to succeed in this competitive environment.

However, it will also assist you in a career in marketing, media and teaching.

“Although it was a contrast to my other subjects, I took A-level Drama as a more daring pick, and am glad to say I made the right choice. Drama at Park House has given me the opportunity to explore the world of theatre and has opened up my world to a whole new wealth of possibilities.”