

Examination Board: Eduqas

Qualification: A level

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Entry Requirements: Students who have studied GCSE Drama should have at least a grade 6 in Drama. Alternatively they should have achieved at least a grade 5 in English.

What will I study?

This highly practical specification provides you with the opportunity to work as either performers and/or designers. The A level course is comprised of three components.

Component 1: Theatre Workshop (20%)

You 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:

- a creative log based on the rehearsal process
- a performance lasting between 5-16 minutes (depending on the number of actors in your group). Teacher assessed and externally moderated.

Component 2: Text in Action (40%)

You will be assessed on either acting or design. You will participate in the creation, development and performance of two pieces of theatre:

- 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.

Component 3: Text in Performance (40%)

Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes

You will answer a series of questions based on your chosen set texts. You will also discuss and reflect upon live productions seen during the year.

Externally assessed examination.

Am I suited to this course?

You would be well suited to Drama and Theatre at A level if you:

- are interested in all aspects of performance
- enjoy devising and performing practical work to a range of audiences
- would like to develop your personal skills and powers of analysis
- are willing to work as a team to strict deadlines.

What other subjects does it complement?

Drama and Theatre Studies fits well in combination with a range of subjects, most notably English Language, English Literature, History, Psychology, Dance and Art.

Where can it lead?

A level Drama and Theatre Studies is a valued qualification which will enable students to enter related university courses. The course complements higher education degrees in English Literature and the Arts and equips students for careers in media and the theatre.