

DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES A-LEVEL

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course is designed for students with a keen interest in studying, visiting and producing theatre. It primarily consists of studying play texts, live performance work and the ideas of influential theatre directors. It should be noted that the course requires considerable wider reading and progress throughout the course is monitored through a series of regular essays. This course also contains a practical element in which students create performance work of their own for external examination. This is scripted in year one and devised in year two. It is highly recommended that students have previous experience in the subject, ideally at GCSE level, or through alternative recognised qualifications. In addition, participation in school productions and extra-curricular drama groups is desirable. The College is a LAMDA approved examination centre and offers students the opportunity to study for LAMDA examinations to complement their work in the subject.

WHAT NEXT?

This course is excellent preparation for students who would like to pursue the subject or related subjects such as English, media or dance into higher education. Students have continued their studies in the subject at institutions such as Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, Bath Spa University, Royal Holloway and Sheffield University.

ASSESSMENT

Practical exam 60% written exam 40%

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements to include grade 5 GCSE English Language and Literature and grade 4 Maths, plus grade 5 in Drama is desirable.

EXAM BOARD

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COSTS

£30 for textbooks plus £120 for theatre visits and workshops.