

DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

WJEC AS/A2

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PROFILE

The study of Drama at AS/A2 level will incorporate the techniques of theatre practitioners, the work of playwrights and working texts; it will provide an opportunity to explore and present acting, directing, devising and improvisation skills.

CONTACT

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ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE

AS - Year 12

Unit 1: Internally Assessed Practical Coursework

Unit 2: External Written Paper

A2 - Year 13

Unit 3: Externally Assessed Practical Coursework

Unit 4: External Written Paper

Grade C or above. (Students without GCSE Drama will be considered on an individual basis and is dependent on experience and profile.)

COURSE CONTENT

O-AS

The course provides an opportunity to study plays from the point of view of a director, designer, performer and critic. It enables students to acquire a knowledge and understanding of the language of drama and theatre as well to develop their performing and analytical skills.

Unit 1: Theatre Workshop

Unit 2: Text in theatre (written exam)

A2

The course aims to extend the knowledge, skills and understanding acquired at AS, enabling students to apply what they have learned in their own creative work.

Unit 3: Text in action

Unit 4: Text in performance (written exam)

Students are provided with opportunities to develop a variety of dramatic and theatrical skills in both devised and scripted work. Practical activities include: improvisation, rehearsal, movement skills, vocal technique, practitioner technique and style, exploring language and characterisation. Theoretical activities include: research, interpretation of texts, analysis of aspects of production and evaluation of a live theatre performance. Students will participate in the creation, development and performance of pieces of theatre for both AS and A2.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Many students go on to pursue a course and career in theatre or media work. However Theatre Studies also develops valuable all round skills, including communication skills, which are essential in higher education and the world of work.