



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

ADVANCED LEVEL COURSE 2020-2022

Drama and Theatre

Specification Edexcel

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in Drama GCSE or Grade 5 in English GCSE if Drama GCSE not studied.

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

Students choosing this course should be passionate about Drama and Theatrical Arts attending plays and performances often. Not only should you be able to perform and understand what a performer must do as an individual but you should have a passion to study plays from the point of view of a director, designer, performer and critic.

A knowledge and understanding of the language of drama and theatre as well good analytical skills is essential also.

What will I learn on this course?

- Devising theatre – The difference in the roles of a playwright, performer, designer and director.
- Performing theatre - How to apply your knowledge, skills and understanding within the structure of a director's interpretation of a play
- How to research and develop a piece of your own work as well as the perform a final performance in front of an identified audience.

How is the course structured?

Unit	Title	Weighting	Assessment Type
1	Component 1: Devising	40%	NEA (Coursework)
2	Component 2:Text in Performance	20%	NEA (Practical)
3	Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice	40%	Written Exam

What skills will I develop by doing this course?

This course is for students who enjoy practical performance work and have a passion for drama and theatre. However, it is not just aimed at students who wish to pursue careers in the performing arts. It is a wide ranging course that will develop numerous transferable skills such as:

- Communication skills – building confidence with public speaking and presentations
- Group/social/team building skills
- Imagination and creativity
- A diverse understanding of culture or social issues.

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

The course will appeal to students who have an interest in:

- Performing
- Human behaviour and different cultures
- Analysis and interpreting texts

- Design and the way things work (Various mediums such as costumes, set design and lighting)

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

Students with A Level Drama have access to a wide range of possible career and higher education opportunities. These may include but are not limited to

- Theatre Design
- Actor/Actress
- Film production
- Costume/ Set design
- Copywriter
- Journalist
- Director