

# Drama and Theatre

**Exam Board:** AQA

**Specification:** 7262 A Level Drama and Theatre

**Entry Criteria:**

Grade 4 – GCSE Drama.

GCSE Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature.

**What will I study:**

Students will develop practical, creative and communication skills. While creating drama and theatre in either a performing or production role. Students will also develop analytical skills through written tasks thereby becoming an informed critic.

**Component 1: Drama and Theatre**

This component is a written exam in which students are assessed on their knowledge and understanding of how drama and theatre is developed and performed and on their ability to analyse and evaluate the live theatre work of others. The paper is divided into three compulsory sections: Section A: Drama through the ages. Section B: 20th and 21st century drama. Section C: Live theatre production. Externally assessed. 3 hours. 40% of the total A Level Marks.

**Component 2: Creating Original Drama**

Students will learn how to create and develop original devised ideas to communicate meaning as part of the theatre making process. Students will create their own devised play and study for this component the work and methodology of one influential theatre practitioner.

Internally assessed. It comprises of two parts: Working notebook (40 marks) Devised performance (20 marks). 30% of the total A Level marks.

**Component 3: Making Theatre**

Students learn how to contribute to text-based drama in a live theatre context for an audience.

Externally assessed Visiting examiner. Content summary: It comprises of two parts: Performance of Extract 3 (40 marks). Reflective Report (20 marks). 30% of the total A Level marks.

**Final Qualification:** A Level

**Progression Pathways:**

This course leads to further study in Drama, Theatre Studies and Performing Arts and also performing arts industries at either University or Performing Arts Colleges. Career pathways may include Media, Theatre and Teaching.

**Course Leader:** Ms Heath

**Specification Link:** <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/a-level>