

## A Level Drama and Theatre Studies

### Exam Board: EDEXCEL

#### Course content

The A Level Drama and Theatre qualification engages our F6 students through encouraging creativity, focusing on practical work which reflects 21st-century theatre practice and developing theoretical techniques that will support progression to further study of drama and a wide range of other subjects. Our Drama students will develop a multitude of both academic and performance based skills, including collaboration, communication and an understanding of how to amend and refine work in order to make a smooth transition to their next level of study or employment.

#### Component 1: Devising (40% of the qualification)

Students will devise an original performance piece, inspired by a play seen in London's West End.

#### Assessment:

An original performance to a live audience.

A portfolio detailing the rehearsal process (2500 words).

#### Component 2: Texts in Performance (20% of the qualification)

An examination of ability and success in interpreting a role from a published play to a live audience.

#### Assessment:

Students perform a substantial extract of a play in a group to a visiting examiner and live audience. The play will be selected and roles cast by the teacher.

Students also perform a solo, two-minute monologue from a different play to a visiting examiner and live audience.

#### Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice (40% of the qualification)

Students practically explore two set texts in preparation for a 2 hour 30 minute written exam at end of Year 13.

#### Assessment:

Exploration and written examination of a contemporary set text: 'Colder

Than Here' by Laura Wade.

Exploration and written of a contemporary set text: 'Woyzeck' by Georg Buchner.

Analysis and Evaluation of a live theatre performance, assessed within a written examination.

#### Progression

Career Pathways: Theatre / Film/ Television / Radio/ Therapy/ Law / Media/ Performance/ Teaching/ Directing/ Producing. Past A Level Drama students have also secured successful careers performing in London's West End, film and television both in the UK and the USA.

#### Alumi Success:

Past A Level Drama students have progressed to secure places at prestigious Drama Schools such as: The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Guildford School of Acting. Royal Welsh School of Music and Drama.

Rose Bruford Drama School. Arts Educational Drama School, London.

#### Entry Requirements:

GCSE Drama: Grade 5 and above.

GCSE English: Grade 5 and above.

Any student who does not meet the entry requirements will be subject to interview.