



Prince Henry's
Grammar School

SIXTH FORM

Drama & Theatre Studies

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Why Study Drama and Theatre Studies?

Drama and Theatre Studies A Level is not only for those who wish to pursue a career in the Performance Arts and the entertainment industry. Although it is essential for those students who do want to work in this area, it also helps students to become confident, articulate adults who are able to collaborate as part of a team, with the self-motivation, initiative and creativity required for work and life in 21st century society.

Drama and theatre have always been at the heart of human expression. Holistic experience is an important medium through which to convey views and ideas which have the potential and power to change society for the better.



Course Content and Assessment

Performance work is developed through the study of a range of texts, practitioners and historical periods. Students are given several opportunities each year to work with and/or go to productions at the RSC at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London, Bradford Alhambra and/or Leeds Playhouse.

By studying plays and practitioners as actors, students gain the necessary skills to understand the role of the performer, designer and director. In the second year of the course they devise, perform and direct their own play and the written exam requires students to respond as directors. Throughout the course students create notes which demonstrate their understanding of theatre and also require them to evaluate live theatre.

Year 1 and 2

- Component 1: Practitioners in Practice (40%)
- Component 2: Exploring and performing text (20%)
- Component 3: Analysing Performance (20%) – written exam
- Component 4: Deconstructing text (20%) – written exam

Progression Routes

An A Level in Drama and Theatre Studies can lead to a range of higher education courses and careers:

- A degree course in Drama / Theatre Studies / Performing Arts / Expressive Arts / Musical Theatre;
- A combined degree course (e.g. Drama, Creative Writing and Media and Drama);
- An Acting / Directing course at a Drama School (e.g. RADA, Central, Rose Bruford);
- A degree course in Stage Management or Technical Theatre.

Drama is an all-encompassing subject which can help in a variety of courses and career choices (e.g. Set Design, Theatre Administration, Drama Therapy).

Entry Requirements

A good range of GCSEs at grade 5 or above, preferably with good grades in Arts subjects and English Language and Literature. It is not necessary to have studied GCSE Drama, but students should have experience of performance-related work.