Barnwell School

DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES



Achieving Excellence Together

Edexcel A Level Drama and Theatre Studies. Entry Requirements: Grade '6' in Drama and Grade 4 in English at GCSE Level

Course Description

Edexcel A-level Drama and Theatre has a clear progression from the GCSE course, with the study of three components linked to performance, play texts and practitioners. Students will study four plays in detail, two of which will form the written exam and the remaining texts are performed to a visiting examiner in Year 13. A devised performance and written portfolio will be created as part of the coursework, which makes up 40% of the final mark. Part of the course requires all students to see a live theatre performance and this will be organised by department.

Method of Assessment

Component 1- Devising: A group devised performance and a written portfolio. 40% of the final mark. Internally assessed coursework.

Component 2 - Text in Performance: A group scripted performance and a scripted monologue/duologue performance. 20% of the final mark. Externally assessed by a visiting examiner.

Component 3 - Theatre Makers in Practice: A 2 hour 30 minute written exam based on staging/performing/directing two set texts and a theatre preview. 40% of the final mark.

Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- drama schools, university courses that relate directly to drama and theatre.
- university courses that will benefit from the skills acquired from this GCE, for example law, human resources, people management.
- employment where people skills are essential, for example management, retail, nursing, industry and business environments.
- employment where time management, confidence, the ability to work collaboratively and to meet deadlines are desirable.



