

Windsor Sixth Form

Theatre Studies A Level

Course outline

Faculty	Expressive Arts
Subject	Drama & Theatre Studies
Course title and code	Drama & Theatre Studies - 8DR01
Exam Board	Edexcel
Subject mission statement	<p>This course provides an exciting opportunity for all those who are passionate about the theatre and about acting. It is a vibrant, high-energy subject that will challenge your perceptions of Theatre and performance. This course is designed to stretch not only your acting ability but also develop an in-depth theoretical understanding and appreciation of Theatre. Who should take Drama and Theatre Studies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must be committed to your subject and your group. You must be prepared to rehearse outside of lesson time. • You must want to act 60% of the marks come from the practical element. • You must be prepared to develop your understanding of the theoretical element of Theatre Studies because it underpins all the practical work explored by the students. • You must have a genuine passion and enthusiasm for Theatre and performing.
Course outline	<p>AS Unit1 (40% of the AS) This unit consists of an exploration of two different texts. You will be assessed upon your understanding through written and practical assessments. The written element requires you to use your knowledge and understanding of Theatre to analyse the social, cultural and historical context of the texts. This practical unit requires you to practically apply your knowledge and understanding to shape and develop a performance of each text.</p> <p>AS Unit2 (60% of the AS) Your practical ability will be assessed in this unit. You will present a group performance of a set text and a monologue or duologue from another text. Although you will be assessed upon your acting skills only, you will be expected to develop a concept for your given texts and direct the pieces yourselves. Please note that 60% of your AS mark comes from one performance.</p>
Goes well with	Drama and Theatre Studies goes well with a variety of subjects such as English Literature and History. It also goes well with other Performing Arts subjects, such as Music and Dance. It might also be combined with Art but be aware that combining too many practical subjects will place a considerable demand on your time outside lessons and the

	school day.
Careers and Higher Education	There are many different types of Drama and Theatre Studies related courses at degree level. You might prefer to opt for the drama school route. Some courses specialise in particular aspects of drama and Theatre performance, directing, stage design, lighting and so on. Others go for a broad overview of drama and the theatre. You will need to think carefully about which one suits you. Drama and Theatre Studies can be taken in combination with other courses, such as English Literature, History, Media Studies or a modern language.
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