

Sixth Form



AS/A2 Drama and Theatre Studies

Duration:

1 year for AS, 2 years for A level (A2).

Specification:

The course follows the Edexcel specification. Further details are available from the Edexcel website

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/drama-and-theatre-2016.coursematerials.html>

Entry Requirements/Student Suitability:

Students are required to reach the Wadebridge Sixth Form Level 3 entry criteria. In addition, this course is ideal for those students who have successfully studied GCSE Drama (Grade C and above) and students who have a genuine interest in the Performing Arts.

Course Content:

AS Level

60% Coursework - assessed by portfolio (written work) and 2 performances.

- Group performance/design realisation of one key extract from a performance text and informed by the methodology of one influential practitioner.
- A monologue or duologue performance/design realisation from one key extract from a different performance text.

40 % Written exam (1 hour 45 minutes)

- Live theatre evaluation
- Realising a play (set text that will be studied) from page to stage

A2 Level

The above plus:

- Devise an original performance piece. Use one key extract from a performance text and a theatre practitioner as stimuli. Assessed by portfolio and performance.
- Longer version of AS Written exam (2hr 30) Live theatre review Interpretation of 2 set texts (extracts reprinted in paper)

At times you will be expected to rehearse outside college hours for performances. You will need to do research and written assignments - these vary from week to week depending on shows and deadlines.

For further information and exemplar question papers see the exam board web site.

Methods of Study:

- Practical workshops
- Rehearsals

- Performances in Hall, Drama Studio or other venue
- Individual and group research
- Discussions and group work
- Evidencing with written portfolios and diaries
- Evaluation, Feedback and Assessment

Opportunities:

While the course is aimed at your acting skills there are many other opportunities to develop other Performing Arts skills. You will have the opportunity to:

- Develop further skills by attending workshops in Dance, Circus Skills, Comedy, Improvisation, Stage Lighting and Sound.
- Develop leadership skills by running your own workshops or other events.
- Take part in theatre visits and workshops led by actors.
- Take part in other events such as Showcases, Talent shows and Comedy shows.

Independent Study Time:

A successful Drama student will be a team player and willing to work with others. They will also be able to learn and research independently, as well as being reliable and have a good attendance rate. Most of all, a Drama student will really enjoy performing or have a keen interest in the technical aspects of theatre.

Progression and the Future:

The course will give you a unique insight into different career paths within the Performing Arts. Students can progress into Higher Education such as University, Drama Schools or onto a Foundation Course. Students can also progress straight into employment.

New Facilities Include:

- Newly renovated Drama Studio
- Versatile "black box" curtains
- Digital lighting
- Digital sound and mixing desk
- New projector and screen

Students have said...

- "You get help and support throughout the course"
- "You meet a lot of interesting people"
- "I love the opportunities for performing"

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How to Apply:

The Application Process begins in February of each year. Please contact the Sixth Form Administrator for further information or to request an application form.

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For further information and to apply for this course:

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