

**Subject: Drama and Theatre**

**Examination Board: AQA**

**Specification code: 7262**

Students will study a variety of drama skills and techniques which are divided into three components:

1. Drama and theatre
2. Creating original drama
3. Making theatre

### **Component 1: Drama and theatre**

#### **What's assessed**

- Knowledge and understanding of drama and theatre
- Study of two set plays,
- Analysis and evaluation of the work of live theatre makers

**Students will sit a 3 hour written exam answering two questions from two set plays and one question on a live theatre production seen. This component is worth 40% of the A Level.**

### **Component 2: Creating original drama (practical)**

#### **What's assessed**

- Process of creating devised drama
- Performance of devised drama
- Devised piece must be influenced by the work and methodologies of one prescribed practitioner

**Students will devise a piece of drama in a group and will use the ideas and methodologies of a practitioner such as Brecht or Stanislavski. Students will be expected to create a working notebook to support their practical work. In this component the devised piece is worth 20 marks and the working notebook is worth 40 marks. In total this unit is 30% of the A Level.**

## **Component 3: Making theatre (practical)**

### **What's assessed**

- Practical exploration and interpretation of three extracts (Extract 1, 2 and 3) each taken from a different play

- Methodology of a prescribed practitioner must be applied to Extract 3

Extract 3 is to be performed as a final assessed piece (students may contribute as performer, designer or director)

-Reflective report analysing and evaluating theatrical interpretation of all three extracts

**Students will explore and perform scenes from a range of plays. Students will also write a reflective report about each play of the plays studies and performed. The performance of extract 3 is worth 40 marks and the reflective report is worth 20 marks. In total this component is worth 30% of the A Level.**

### **Expected GCSE qualifications:**

We recommend students have achieved a Grade 6 in Drama or to have gained a substantial amount of extra-curricular drama experience to be successful at A Level.