

A Level Drama and Theatre at The Warriner School



Drama and Theatre A Level

Subject Content

Entry Requirements: Students must achieve at least a Grade 5 in GCSE Drama or a 6 in GCSE English Literature.

Subject Overview

Unique in the Sixth Form Curriculum, Drama challenges students to develop their creativity, interpersonal skills, leadership and analytical ability, while becoming independent theatre practitioners and honing their academic skills.

While the course has significant written assessment, it focuses on practice and is therefore taught in a predominantly practical way. Students hone the ability to learn academically from their practical experience through analysis, evaluation and creative application. It is essential for students of A Level Drama and Theatre to see range of live work. There will be several theatre trips through the school year to varied productions that will inform and develop students' knowledge and understanding of how theatre is performed.

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Component One: Internally assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theatre Workshop - 20% Create and perform a piece of theatre based on a <i>reinterpretation</i> of a play extract using the techniques and working methods of a theatre practitioner / company. Complete a creative log of the process.
Component Two: Externally assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text in Action - 40% Create and perform two pieces of theatre based on a stimulus from Eduqas 1 - a devised piece using techniques and working methods of a theatre practitioner / company. 2 - an extract from a play in a contrasting style. Complete a process and evaluation report.
Component Three: Externally assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text in Performance - 40% Written examination - 2 hours, 30 minutes Answering questions on two complete play texts and a specified extract from <i>Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>.

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At The Warriner, we have a record of excellence in the attainment of our students in A Level Drama and Theatre. In the last 2 years, all of our students passed with a C or above. As well as achieving well academically, over the two years studying Drama with us, students develop a very special relationship with one another and an ethos of trust, integrity and friendship is one that we value and promote within the department.

Future Careers and University

Students of Drama and Theatre at A Level continue into many diverse university courses and careers. A recent study by an education think-tank, found that at Russell Group Universities, Drama is highly valued for essay-based degree courses and that this is particularly true for Law degrees. The interpersonal, presentation, communication and analytical skills that are developed through learning Drama are useful and applicable to most career paths.

Frequently, ex-students recognise the benefits of their Drama learning in their careers. They comment on the usefulness of the immediacy and human connection in Drama. They talk of the discipline, control and self-awareness they gained. Students do go on to Drama school or Drama degrees and pursue careers in the performing arts, television and film, however many do not. Among ex-A Level Drama students, there are very successful entrepreneurs, lawyers, psychologists, musicians and accountants.