

EXTRA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least a grade 5 in GCSE Drama is desirable. However, if you have proven drama experience at least a grade 5 in GCSE English may be accepted instead. You should have a genuine interest in Drama and the theatre, and a willingness to work practically in this area.

WHO DO I SEE FOR MORE INFORMATION?

- Miss L. Jones, Head of Drama.

DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

WHAT WILL I STUDY AND LEARN?

The A Level course is designed to run over two years and consists of three units of work: the first is a 'Theatre Workshop' which involves creating a performance that is a 'reinterpretation' of a published text. A piece of written work accompanies this internally assessed unit, called the 'creative process log'. This first unit also requires the use of the methods of one practitioner or theatre company, so the work will involve multiple workshops looking at various practitioners. Unit 2 consists of two performances, one devised and one scripted, which are externally examined. Again, the devised element of this unit requires the influence of a recognised theatre practitioner. The third and final unit is a 2 hour 30 minute written exam, which involves essay style questions on two set texts: one pre-1956 and one post-1956. The final section of the written exam is based on a pre-released extract of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

HOW IS IT TAUGHT?

Lessons will involve practical and theoretical work. Practical work in the theatre includes working and collaborating with others, exploring ideas in different forms through improvisation, physical theatre, experimentation and using lighting and sound. Theory work includes reading and analysing texts and ideas of different theatre practitioners. You will be expected to do independent work and research in your own time. You will attend a variety of live theatre performances over the two years in order to enhance and inspire your own creative work and knowledge.

HOW WILL DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES HELP ME?

Drama and Theatre Studies is widely accepted for university and college entrance. It is also widely accepted by universities that the Drama and Theatre Studies course is both rigorous and academic, due to the extended writing and dedication required by candidates in order to complete the courses successfully. It is a useful subject for any careers which involve working with other people or having confidence, such as teaching, journalism, social work, personnel/human resource work. It is also relevant to a career in the Arts, such as performing Arts, Arts administration and media.

