

# ARTS

## Theatre Studies



**Examination Board:** AQA  
**Subject Leader(s):** Mrs H Goulding



### Course Structure

Unit	Topics/Unit Title	Assessment	A Level (%)
Component 1	Drama and Theatre	Written exam: 3 hour open book exam that covers: a set play, the work of theatre makers in live theatre and directing an extract from a set text.	40%
Component 2	Creating original Drama	Practical: Process of creating devised drama. Performance of devised drama (students may contribute as performer, designer or director) Devised piece must be influenced by the work and methodologies of one prescribed practitioner. Working notebook will outline the process.	30%
Component 3	Making Theatre	Practical: Practical exploration and interpretation of three extracts, each taken from a different play Methodology of a prescribed practitioner must be applied to Extract 3, which is then performed as a final assessed piece to a visiting examiner. Reflective report analysing and evaluating theatrical interpretation of all three extracts must accompany practical.	40%

### What does the course involve?

- Although there will be study through practical work, there will be academic essay writing and research as well.
- Students will take part in workshops, theatre trips and performance work.
- Extra curricular activities will also be offered in order to broaden experience.

### Further Study/Employment Prospects

- Degrees in theatre studies, acting, expressive arts, creative arts and media courses which require good communication skills.
- Employment, which requires good communication, interpersonal skills and an ability to work with other people. From law, medicine and teaching to management, finance and law enforcement.
- Cambridge University recently rated theatre studies as a course that enhances student's interpersonal, teamwork and presentational skills and prepares them for a wide range of careers from the police force to managerial positions, teaching and youth work.

### Entry Requirements

- GCSE Drama (grades 9-5) is essential.
- GCSE English (grade 4 or equivalent) is essential.
- An interest in performance work and the ability to work effectively in a group .
- The ability to meet academic deadlines, take notes and research topics thoroughly.