



Workington Academy - Sixth Form

Subject: Drama & Theatre

Why you should study Drama

The course is for anyone who enjoys theatre in its many aspects and would like to expand their knowledge. Although it is an advantage to have studied this subject at GCSE it is not essential as the course stands alone as a complete package. Students need to be enthusiastic, committed to their studies and be able to work collaboratively with others. There is an expectation that students who study A Level Drama play an active role in the arts within the academy. It is advantageous if students have experience of being part of the arts outside of the academy e.g. local amateur dramatic societies.

Examination Board: Edexcel

Course Content

The course is split in to three main components which require students to study and acquire a range of skills. Students respond to stimuli to create a performance and also are required to be reflective and evaluate their practices. The course is a combination of coursework, including performances, and written examination. The course is split in to 40% written examination and 60% moderated coursework.

Assessment:

Component 1 - Devising - 40% of the qualification. Internally marked and externally moderated.

- Devise an original piece
- Creating a portfolio
- Realising a performance

Component 2 – Text in Performance - 20% of the qualification. Externally assessed by a visiting moderator.

- Group performance
- Monologue or duologue

Component 3 – Theatre Makers in Practice - 40% of the qualification. Written examination.

- Live theatre evaluation
- Realising a performance text
- Interpreting a performance text



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Skills Developed, Progression and Possible Future Careers:

Employers and Universities are looking for skills that many academic subjects do not equip students with. An A Level Drama Course teaches and allows you to work on the following transferable skills:

- Problem solving
- The ability to work as a team
- Self-presentation
- Communication
- Creativity
- Self-appraisal
- Organization