



A Level Drama & Theatre Studies

What will I study?

Drama and Theatre Studies is a dynamic and engaging subject that explores the world of performance, theatre production, and dramatic theory. You will study a range of plays from different periods and genres, analysing how they are constructed and how they can be interpreted and staged. The course includes practical exploration of performance techniques, devising original drama, and understanding the roles of directors, designers, and actors. You will also investigate the social, cultural, and historical contexts of the texts studied, and develop your own performance skills through workshops and rehearsals. Live theatre visits and analysis of professional productions are an integral part of the course.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is through a combination of written exams and practical coursework. You will complete a written exam that assesses your understanding of set texts and live theatre analysis. Coursework includes devising and performing original drama, as well as performing extracts from published plays. You will also submit a working notebook that documents your creative process and reflects on your development as a performer.

What are the entry requirements?

You will need GCSE Maths at grade 4 and GCSE English Language at grade 5, and you will also be required to take an audition as part of the entry process.

Where will this course lead?

Drama and Theatre Studies can lead to a wide range of university courses including Drama, Theatre Studies, Performing Arts, English, and Media. It also supports progression to degree-level apprenticeships in creative industries and related fields. You may choose to continue your studies at Milton Keynes College through one of our Higher Education programmes in Performing Arts or Media. Career opportunities include acting, directing, stage management, theatre production, teaching, and roles in the wider creative sector.

What combines well with this subject?

Drama and Theatre Studies combines well with Classical Civilisation, English Literature, Media Studies, Film Studies, and Sociology. These subjects complement the analytical and creative aspects of drama and provide a broader understanding of cultural and social contexts.