

DRAMA A-LEVEL

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For whom is this course suitable?

This is a new course for Montsaye Academy and is for those students who enjoy all aspects of Drama and Theatre.

All students who wish to study the course must enjoy performing, analysing text and going to watch live theatre. Drama is an excellent subject as it complements all other subjects as we analyse Theatre in different periods of history. We examine the society at the time of performance and we delve into the psychology of the characters involved. Drama is valued by Universities as it develops the key personal skills of the students.

What will I learn on this course?

There are 3 components to the A level which allow us to study texts from different eras and to study a theatre practitioner or theatre company.

Component 1: Theatre Workshop- 20% internally assessed.

Learners take part in the creation, development and performance of a piece of theatre based on the reinterpretation of an extract from a text.

You create a performance and a creative log.

Component 2: Text in Action – 40% externally assessed externally

You are going to create 2 performances using the style of 2 different theatre companies

1. A devised piece based on a stimulus
2. An extract of a text.

Component 3: Text in Performance- 2 hours 30 minutes written paper.

Two questions, based on two different texts one pre 1956 and one post 1956

The choice of texts is determined by the group we have.

The last questions is based on The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time.

What could I do at the end of my course?

Some students will go on to careers in the Theatre and will complete post KS5 acting courses at specialist Drama colleges. There are opportunities to study Drama at degree level at hundreds of universities across the UK and abroad. The skills that you will learn will enhance any course that you study.