

# About the Course

## What will I learn on this course?

The course demands practical, creative and communication skills in almost equal measure. You will extend your ability to create drama and theatre, either in a performing or production role. You will also be required to write about drama and to develop your powers of analysis to become an informed critic. The course will involve taking part in drama productions, as well as studying plays and playwrights.



“The course has helped to develop my confidence and it makes understanding other people’s emotions and behaviour easier”

*A2 Drama Student*

## What kind of student is this course suitable for?

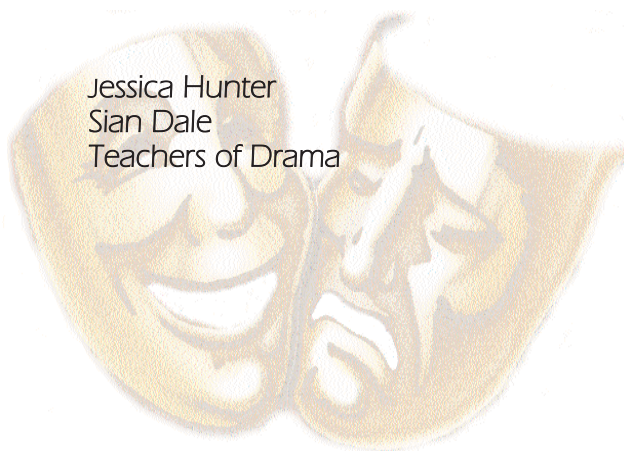
You need to be curious about issues and ideas and have a creative instinct for communicating your views through drama. You may be keen on acting, writing or on the visual and technical side of theatre and wish to develop your skills in some or all of these areas. Equally you will be interested in going to the theatre to see plays performed by different theatre companies.

The A/S and A2 level Drama and Theatre course is fun and creates an active bond between students. It is a chance for everyone to vocalise their ideas, use their imaginations and develop analytical skills; Above all, it is teamwork.

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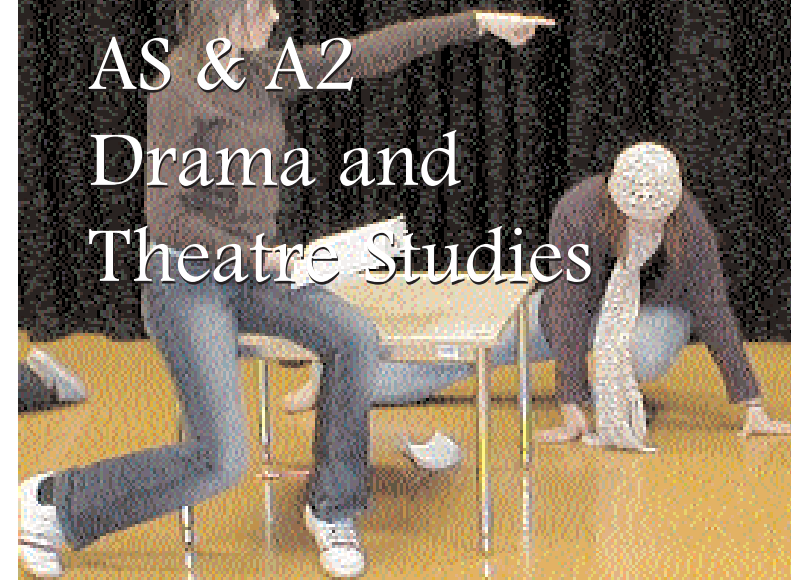


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Theatre Studies



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# A/S Level

The A/S level involves Unit 1 which explores 2 texts practically and 2 sets of course work. Students are marked:

## 1. Practical Skills:

- ◆ Subject matter and how you treat it
- ◆ Characterisation
- ◆ Interpretation
- ◆ Physical actions
- ◆ Vocal skills

## 2. Written Coursework:

- ◆ Plot and sub plot
- ◆ Use of language
- ◆ Form and structure
- ◆ Aural, spatial and visual
- ◆ Context of play

## 3. A Visit to a Live Theatre Production - written evaluation (1500 words).



# A2 Level

## Unit 2

Two plays in performance to an invited audience marked by an outside examiner:

- Play One - a duologue
- Play Two - production 60 minutes

## Unit 3

Devising a piece of drama from a given starting point. A video is made of this and sent to the board. The coursework takes the form of a structured record which records how the piece develops.

## Unit 5

Written exam based on the study text and a study of styles of Shakespearean productions through the ages. An evaluation of a modern production of this play.

The course is designed to help people enter a raft of careers:

Teaching, Law, Business Studies, Media Industry, Journalism, Travel/Leisure Industry, Entertainment Industry - amongst many others.



# Experiences

## Induction Session

Includes course discussion notes on requirements of course, practical exercises, team building exercises, improvisation and drama skills exercises.

## Field Trip

February of first year. London drama field trip involving visits to 3 different styles of theatre. Workshops led by London based actors and workshops run by the theatre museum. This helps with paper 3 and paper 6.

## Work Experience

July of first year. The group work on a presentation to primary schools. This takes the form of a prepared workshop on a theme which usually has a message.

## Theatre Visits

A Shakespeare play in Year 13. Visiting actor to teach workshop on Shakespeare.

## OPPORTUNITIES

*What could I go on to do at the end of my course?*

This AS and Advanced GCE can lead to further study in Drama, Theatre Studies and Performing Arts in Higher Education at degree or HND level. It can be used as part of your course to broaden your studies and may lead on to a career in the performing arts industries. Drama and Theatre Studies AS and Advanced GCE complements a range of subjects and is useful in building confidence and improving presentation skills in a range of careers.