

Drama A Level

Exam board: Pearson (Edexcel)

Where do I start?

You will need to meet the minimum entry requirements for Wootton Park VI. You will need a **Grade 5 or above in Drama**. If you have not taken Drama at GCSE then you will need some form of experience in Performing Arts and be willing to audition to show you are capable of the practical demands of the course.

What is A Level Drama?

A Level Drama is a knowledge rich, practical course that allows learners to develop a broad range of skills. Learners will develop skills as theatre makers (actors, directors and designers) and apply their knowledge to a range of practical and theoretical contexts. Learners will also develop as individuals with a cultural awareness of professional practice through the study of practitioners and live theatre repertoire. Their analytical and evaluative skills will become heightened to both their own practice and the professional practice of those being studied.

At Wootton Park School, Drama has a strong emphasis on developing a range of technical and performance skills at the heart of its programme. It is a subject concerned with the development of originality, creativity, passion and self-discipline. At Wootton Park we challenge each individual learner to reach their potential as a performer but also in their appreciation of theatre.

Why Study Drama A Level?

Drama A Level helps nurture and promote creativity, individuality and technical skills whilst exploring modern professional theatre. The course also offers learners the chance to develop communication, collaboration and confidence, skills widely desired in both further academic study and the work place. We study both practically and theoretically a wide range of exciting practitioners, play texts and devising processes. Learners in A Level Drama enjoy this practically driven course where opportunities to perform are seized and creative collaboration with industry professionals encouraged. Trips to the theatre are arranged regularly as an essential element of the course.

What type of learner chooses Drama A Level?

Drama A Level is suitable for those learners who wish to make a career within the Performing Arts Industry and those who wish to develop their creativity, and confidence, while gaining a

qualification in a subject they are passionate about. Drama A Level can complement a range of other studies and develop transferable skills such as self-discipline, team management, independence, creative thinking, problem solving that can help you on a pathway to higher education or the workplace.



It is advisable to have studied GCSE Drama, or another equivalent qualification in an area of Performing Arts. Learners who have not studied Drama previously need to show evidence of strong English skills and experience of Drama and Theatre outside of an educational setting.

What aspects of the subject will I be studying?

The course is designed to give you theoretical and practical experience in understanding theatre. Learners will have the opportunity to create their own work, perform their own and others work, visit professional theatres to evaluate the work of others as well as studying the work of influential theatre practitioners.

What are the career/higher education prospects?

Popular career paths include:

Actor, Teacher, Cinematographer, Production Management/Technician, Event Management, Director, Producer, Theatre Practitioner as well as careers in diverse areas such as Law, Training and Facilitation and Administration roles.

What co-curricular opportunities are there within this subject?

The Drama department offers a range of opportunities to perform and share work within school and the community as well as opportunities to visit the theatre throughout the year. There are opportunities to collaborate with other learners within Performing Arts to work on whole school and performing arts projects. These opportunities are regularly on offer to all performing arts learners and participation is encouraged to support your wider learning, development and wellbeing.