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GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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## SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM GUIDE

# DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

AQA

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 6 in GCSE Drama or, for those who have not studied Drama at GCSE, some experience in performance.

It is not necessary to have studied this subject at GCSE in order to take it at A Level.



This course is designed to encourage your interest in and enjoyment of drama and theatre, both through experience as an audience member and through the development of your own dramatic and theatrical skills. You will acquire knowledge and understanding of the social and cultural contexts of drama and theatre through detailed study of set texts and the work of theatre practitioners. You will attend theatrical performances and have the opportunity to assimilate theatrical concepts through practical and analytical exploration of dramatic styles and methods.

### THE A LEVEL COURSE

1. Study of set plays - Candidates practically explore two set plays chosen by the teacher in preparation for the written examination
2. Live theatre production
3. Candidates experience live theatre and analyse and evaluate performances IN PREPARATION for the written examination
4. Candidates create and perform a devised drama piece influenced by the work and methodologies of one prescribed practitioner
5. Candidates explore three extracts from different plays and perform one extract for assessment using the methodology of a prescribed practitioner
6. Candidates produce a reflective report analysing and evaluating their exploration of all three extracts

### THE SIXTH FORM AND BEYOND

Drama and Theatre Studies includes a wide range of both written and practical activities. It generates confidence, co-operation and organisational skills in students, who must prove themselves to be reliable and cheerful team players. This is not a course for the faint-hearted or the disorganised, or indeed for those who buckle under pressure. It is, however, an excellent complementary study to other subjects, particularly English Literature. Similarly, it serves as a useful contrasting discipline to science subjects at this level. Above all, if all the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players, this is an excellent preparation for life.



*Click here to watch the course introductory video  
from Head of Drama, Miss Natasha Oakley and Mrs Kate Lake*

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In order to join us in the Sixth Form, we require an average of grade 6 across eight GCSE subjects, including English and Mathematics. See individual subjects for any specific requirements for study at A Level.

For detailed course information on all of the A Level subjects please visit the AQA, Edexcel or OCR websites.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the admissions process, please call 0115 935 4444 or email [admissions@not.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@not.gdst.net)



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