



A Level Drama & Theatre

AIMS OF THE COURSE

The Edexcel A Level Drama & Theatre course offers a creative, engaging way to explore how theatre works—both on stage and behind the scenes. Whether you're drawn to performing, designing, directing, writing, or analysing, this course encourages you to think deeply, work collaboratively, and express ideas in imaginative ways.

Beyond the stage, drama is about people—how they think, feel, and interact. Studying theatre enhances your understanding of the world around you and the complexity of human behaviour, helping you become a more empathetic, thoughtful, and confident communicator.

COURSE CONTENT AND SKILLS REQUIRED

No prior experience is needed—just curiosity and a willingness to contribute. This course is stimulating, hands-on, and varied. You will:

- Explore plays as scripts and live performances
- Investigate the work of influential theatre-makers
- Collaborate on devising original theatre
- Analyse how theatre communicates ideas and stories

You'll also develop essential life skills: teamwork, creative thinking, time management, problem-solving, and independent research. Regular participation, reliability and a strong work ethic are key to success.

ASSESSMENT

This course balances practical and written work to suit a wide range of strengths:

- **60% Practical & Coursework** – Including devising, scripted performance and written reflection.
- **40% Written Exam** – Involving analysis of set texts and live theatre, plus application of practitioner theory.

You'll study two full plays, explore extracts from other works, and investigate the approaches of two major theatre practitioners. You'll also participate in several key performance pieces: one devised and two scripted.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

It's a subject that builds confidence, insight, and creativity—skills that are valuable in every walk of life. Drama & Theatre prepares you for much more than the stage. It's a strong foundation for university courses in the arts, humanities, media, and social sciences. Graduates go on to careers in:

- Acting, directing, writing, and design
- Stage management and technical theatre
- Arts education and teaching
- Creative industries, marketing, media, and beyond

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for Level 3 academic study apply. In addition, applicants will require at least a Grade 5 and 6 in their English GCSEs.

Level 3 BTEC Performing Arts

Single Option: Extended Certificate
Double Option: Diploma

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The BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts has been specifically designed to enable students to explore a wide range of performance elements. It is creative, varied and extremely enjoyable, offering an extensive range of options which include Musical Theatre, Contemporary Performance and Drama improvisation. The course aims to provide a practical understanding of the skills and knowledge needed for a career in the performing arts industry and will allow the students to develop a strong skills basis from which to progress.

COURSE CONTENT AND SKILLS REQUIRED

The qualification consists of two core units plus four optional units. These could include:

- Performing to an Audience
- Musical Theatre Performance
- Devising Plays
- Contemporary Theatre Performance
- Film and TV Acting
- Approaches to Directing Theatre
- Singing Techniques and Performance

The course includes a large amount of practical ensemble work meaning that effective communication skills and an ability to work productively as part of a group is essential. It is also necessary to be able to work independently and have good organisational skills.

ASSESSMENT

All units will be completed through a mixture of practical and written coursework. Coursework is assessed internally and moderated.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who have completed BTEC Level 3 in Performing Arts may move onto a variety of university courses or specialist performing schools. There are also career opportunities in other areas of the arts in addition to performance or teaching.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for Level 3 applied study apply. Much of your time will be spent working practically with others. A lot of your enjoyment and achievement depends on your commitment to working as a member of a team. Regular attendance and punctuality is essential. In order to opt for BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts you should have a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Drama or Expressive Arts or at least a Merit in BTEC Performing Arts.

Full Time Level 3 Performing Arts & Music

We welcome students who would like to follow a full time course within the realms of Performance.

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It is possible to study completely within the Performing Arts and Music Departments at St George's Academy. By following a combination of BTEC and RSL courses in Performing Arts and Music, you are able to create a full-time programme of study. Whether you are an actor, a dancer or a musician, the units will address the needs of the modern performing arts industry meaning that you will have the opportunity to develop the right skills for your chosen career.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through a mixture of written and practical work. Some of your work will be internally assessed by your teachers and some of your work will be assessed externally.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who complete this course may move on to a variety of university courses or specialist performing schools. This course will also provide students with the necessary skills for a career in the Performing and Creative industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Much of your time will be spent working practically with others. A lot of your enjoyment and achievement depends on your commitment to working as a member of a team. Excellent attendance and punctuality is essential. This course is ideal for all forms of performer; actor, dancer, singer, musician, as we will tailor the units to suit your individual skills. You should be able to demonstrate an aptitude and commitment to performance through an appropriate course studied at Key Stage 4 or through substantial extra-curricular commitment, such as playing an instrument. You will need to have met the entry requirements as detailed under BTEC Music and BTEC Performing Arts.