

WJEC Eduqas A-Level Drama and Theatre

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Department Information

The Drama Department has excellent facilities at CLCC. Three performance spaces and technical equipment which allows students to be assessed on lighting and sound.

Why study this course?

Drama will give you transferable skills which will equip you for an ever changing employment landscape. Communication, problem solving, then ability to self-manage and work as part of a team and creativity, are highly valued by employers. Many of our students have successful careers outside of Drama and acknowledge that taking the course has helped them to be successful in careers such as law and criminology in addition to taking up careers in the Performing Arts and Arts Administration sectors.

Course outline

We approach the study of Drama and Theatre from three key viewpoints:

1. Actor – As an actor you will develop your acting skills – interpretation of character, exploration of style, voice, physicality and stage relationships with others.
2. Director – As a director you will develop your interpretative skills when working with plays. You will instigate ideas for performance and develop a directorial vision when working on original material or text.
3. Designer – As a designer you will develop your design skills and consider how design impacts upon an audience. You will develop ideas for set creation, costume, lighting and sound design.

A desire to participate in and attend live theatre is essential in this course.

How am I assessed?

Drama is a subject that requires commitment and dedication; you will be working individually, in pairs, small groups and whole group on assessment tasks and classwork. Your achievement in this subject is dependent upon excellent attendance, punctuality and effort. You will learn in a supportive atmosphere, using a variety of assessment methods depending on the options chosen:

- Acting skills in performance and rehearsal
- Technical skills in performance and design
- Evaluation skills through continuous prose, portfolio or blog
- Formal written skills
- Your ability to review live theatre

You will be formally examined on each unit that you study either by your teacher, a visiting examiner or in a written exam at the end of the second year.

Where does this course lead?

Drama and Theatre Studies can lead to further study in drama, theatre studies and performing arts in higher education at Degree or HND level or drama school. 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. One measure of the subject's regard is that it is highly rated by Cambridge University, among others, for Law courses.