

Drama & Theatre Studies



HIVE Sixth Form Countesthorpe Academy



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Countesthorpe Academy boasts excellent performance spaces technical equipment which allow a range of exciting and dynamic performances to be created by students to support their growing understanding of Drama and Theatre.

Why study this course?

Studying Drama and Theatre develops a wide range of transferable skills which are excellent preparation for a competitive and ever changing employment landscape. Communication and problem solving, as well as the ability to self-manage, collaborate and be creative, are highly valued by employers and universities. Many of our students have successful careers in the creative industries and beyond such as law and criminology, IT and Financial Management. Our students who wish to pursue Theatre to the next level have studied at University or have obtained highly sought after places at conservatoires.

Course outline

You will develop your theatre making skills from taking part in the creative process from three different points of view:

- 1. Actor** – You will develop your acting skills – interpretation of character, exploration of style, voice, physicality and stage relationships.
- 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, hair and make-up lighting and sound design.

Attending live theatre productions is a course requirement.

How am I assessed?

Drama is a subject that requires commitment and dedication; you will be working individually and as part of a group on assessed 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:

- Acting skills in performance and rehearsal.
- Technical skills in performance and design.
- Evaluation skills through continuous prose and portfolio.
- Formal written skills.
- Your ability to review live theatre and discuss its influence on your own practice.

You will be formally examined on each of the three Components you study either by your teacher, a visiting examiner or in a written exam at the end of the course.

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 drama school. Employers are looking for agility in the workplace. The skills developed in Drama and Theatre including critical thinking, flexibility, curiosity and dedication are essential to success in this course. There are few absolutes in Drama and theatre and having comfort with ambiguity is increasingly valued by employers. Therefore, in answer to the question where can this course lead, the answer is wherever you need it to as the varied careers of our alumni continue to prove.



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