

SUBJECT: DRAMA AND THEATRE
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



Course Overview (Y12)

You will study a range of theatre practitioners, styles and texts throughout the A level and you will also watch a number of live theatre performances. You will devise a performance from a stimulus in your chosen style, using the rehearsal techniques and theatrical conventions of your chosen practitioner. This performance and the written explanation of your devising process will form 40% of your A Level grade, and is assessed as coursework (NEA). For your performance exam (20%), you will choose a monologue or duologue from a published play and be directed by your teacher in a group scripted piece, both of which are performed to a visiting examiner. You will study two set texts (That Face and Woyzeck), one from the perspective of an actor and designer, the other from the perspective of a director tasked with modernising the piece, all of which will be assessed in a written exam (40%) in Yr 13, along with an evaluation of a piece of live theatre.

Useful websites

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/drama-and-theatre-2016.html> The Edexcel exam board website

<https://www.franticassembly.co.uk/frantic-digital> Frantic Assembly Digital has amazing interviews with professionals and great online learning videos.

<https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com/> This is an archive of The National Theatre's past repertoire. User Name: 4Vcw5Crwx@ Password: 5Jx21Sd/e/

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ntdiscovertheatre> The National Theatre's YouTube Channel has amazing videos on all topics theatre!

<https://www.oldvictheatre.com/join-in/education-hub/workshops> Online workshops covering design, script-writing, acting and directing.

Essential text books and reading list

Essential texts:
That Face, by Polly Stenham
Woyzeck, by Georg Buchner (school will supply this)

Wider reading:
The Complete Brecht Toolkit, by Stephen Unwin
The Complete Stanislavski Toolkit, by Bella Merlin
Frantic Assembly's Book of Devising Theatre, by Scott Graham and Steven Hoggett

Punchdrunk Toolkit <https://www.punchdrunk.org.uk/content/uploads/2019/10/Punchdrunk-Teacher-Resource-Pack-v7.pdf>