

# DRAMA & THEATRE A Level

## Why Study This Course?

- You have an interest in Drama and performance
- You have a love of performing in front of an audience
- You can explore text and have a great imagination
- You enjoy visiting the theatre and watching live performance work
- You have a creative flair and can work as part of a team
- You have leadership skills and can self-manage
- You are completely committed and willing to rehearse beyond lesson time.



## Career Progression

Careers in Arts/Theatre administration, Arts Journalism, Director, Actor, Playwright, Stage Management, Theatre Management, Media Presenting and Education Drama Therapy.

## What You'll Study

### Year 1:

The course will be delivered using a combination of practical group work, class discussion and presentations and theatre visits. Students will be required to complete additional research, complete written assignments and rehearse practical performance pieces out of class time.

During Year 1, students will complete component 1 and begin studying the 2 set texts prescribed for component 3. They will also watch live theatre and develop skills for live theatre evaluation.

**Component 1: Devising** Students will develop their creative and exploratory skills to devise an original performance.

**Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice** Students will consider how production ideas and dramatic elements are communicated to an audience from the perspective of a director.

### Year 2:

During Year 2, students will complete component 2, and revisit component 3.

**Component 2: Text in performance** Students will perform two key extracts from two different performance texts to a visiting examiner.

**Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice** Students will consider how production ideas and dramatic elements are communicated to an audience from the perspective of a director, a performer and designer.

You will perform live in front of an audience on a number of occasions. You will need lots of energy and confidence and you must be articulate, critical and analytical in your written work.

# Why Study Drama & Theatre at PWSFC?

## Why I chose Drama & Theatre

"I chose A level Drama because in all my time at Parrs Wood, the Drama department was by far the most supportive, helping me to achieve an A (9) at GCSE. Even though A level Drama can be tricky, it is a great subject to study because it is always fun, and allows you the escapism you need to become any character you want despite what people think. It has also given me the confidence to complete projects to work towards achieving my Gold Arts Award and to become a student leader at summer school."

- Paige

"Due to the smaller class sizes, the Drama staff really take the time to get to know each and every pupil, building good relationships. The teachers fully support us to ensure that we play to our strengths in order to reach our potential. I felt I could trust the Drama teachers the most to get the best out of me and help me make the most progress. I've also been given the opportunity to take part in school shows, as the President in Annie and paying Scrooge in A Christmas Carol. The school show is a great prospect for you to maybe step up and take on a lead role or be part of a team. Parrs Wood Drama teachers have high expectations because they're simply the best."

- Isah

## If you like this subject you may also like:

Music, English Literature, English Language, Music Technology

## Why Parrs Wood?

- Whole school production – you can take part in our whole-school productions as a performer, technician, stage hand or box office manager.
- Drama clubs – a chance to lead lower school drama clubs and act as a role model for younger students.
- Casting agents and auditions – regular casting agents hold auditions at Parrs Wood. Lots of our students go into the industry (Robbie Conway & Johnny Bennett in Shameless; George Bukhari in BBC's Ordinary Lies; Qasim Akhtar in Shameless & Coronation Street; Joe Gill in Emmerdale).
- Working with professionals – actors, technicians, directors, stage producers all come and work with our students.
- Technical theatre group 'Shout' – backstage theatre team who help out with all analyse it productions, shows and events.
- Gold Arts Award – nationally accredited qualification which is achieved through you to undertaking projects, work experience and research in the art. It is the equivalent of 16 UCAS points.

**Exam Board: EDEXCEL**

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