

## **Theatre Studies**

Subject Leader: Miss. J. Gill

Exam Board: AQA

A Level

A Level Theatre Studies is useful for students considering Higher Education in any Arts or Humanities subject including English Language and Literature, Journalism, Dance, Music and Art and Design.

Students who study this course should enjoy English literature, as most of their time on the course will be studying plays and writing essays on them. Students will also study the history of theatre and conduct extensive research, so a passion for History is also helpful. This is not an acting course, but a highly academic course for those fascinated by studying the theatre. A-level in Theatre Studies compliments Film Studies, History, Music or Psychology.

Career opportunities include: Arts administration, journalism, director, actor, designer, playwright, stage management, theatre management, theatrical agent, technician, broadcasting, media presenting, education, drama therapy and scriptwriting.

Students will:

- Work in a group and perform a script 'in the style of' a famous director or theatre company.
- Devise their own piece as a group.
- Study great plays and write essays on them.
- Learn about contemporary theatre companies
- Go on theatre trips to London, Cambridge and local venues.
- Read new plays every week and study theatre history.

### **Method of Assessment:**

- Scripted Practical: Perform and extract of a play.
- Live Theatre: Go on regular theatre trips. Write about a production that students have seen.
- Set texts: Study plays for the exam and write about them from the perspective of an actor or director.
- Devised Practical: Perform their own original piece of Drama.