



Why study Drama at Formby High School?

Drama is a popular and successful subject. Drama and Theatre Studies will enhance communication, organisation and research skills. It will develop confidence and provide many opportunities for practical and independent exploration - skills that are valued and demanded by employers and institutions alike.

Students enjoy the highly creative and friendly teaching and learning environment. In our excellent studio theatre space they can explore ideas, develop their acting, technical and design skills, experiment with style and genre and utilise the professional technical resources.

Our course is designed to fully prepare our students for examination and for future study at university and specialist drama schools. Prospective drama school and National Youth Theatre candidates are prepared for auditions during the course which has produced very successful results with past students.

What does the course involve?

There is an emphasis on Drama and Theatre Studies as a practical, intellectual and artistic subject. There will be devised and scripted practical performances that are assessed by a visiting examiner and internally assessed. The course also encourages the practical and theoretical exploration of play texts from different periods and genres, including the study of two theatre practitioners and the analysis of Live theatre, through various theatre visits during the course.



What can the qualification lead to?

The AQA course obviously lends itself to the further study of Drama but, as it builds confidence, team building, leadership and presentation skills, it will be of use in an extensive range of careers.

What are the entry requirements?

A grade 6 in GCSE Drama (if studied) or grade 6 in GCSE English Language or English Literature.

Which other subjects complement Drama?

Drama and Theatre Studies complements the study of many other subjects including:

- Art
- English Language and Literature
- Film Studies
- Geography
- History
- Music / Music Technology
- Sciences

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Throughout high school Drama was always my favourite subject so I guess when I decided Sixth Form was right for me, taking Drama A Level was inevitable. However it wasn't only my love for Drama that made me choose this subject. The Drama Department, yet small, have created an amazing relationship with us as students and while A Levels are definitely not easy, they make it a whole lot less stressful. Over the past 2 years we have studied various practitioners exploring in depth acting methods which have diversified my performance preparation and skills. Throughout the course, I most enjoyed curating our devised piece where we had the opportunity to establish a story and perform it to its full potential using the advanced technology within the schools personal theatre room with the help of the tech crew. Tasks such as the devised piece are a perfect example as to how Drama differs from any other subject in the school, giving students the chance to develop unique and confident building bonds with their classmates. Overall Drama is more than an a level subject, it is a community of students and teachers who together become a safe space for creativity and dramatic intelligence.

Erin chose to stay at Formby High for Sixth Form

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