

Drama and Theatre: Top Tips for A Level

Teachers' tips:

- This is a very practical subject and the vast majority of your time will involve learning practical skills but remember: 70% of the course is based on your ability to write effectively about drama.
- Develop the skill of writing from a performance perspective; examiners need to be able to visualize your ideas. Paint the picture!
- Use theatrical vocabulary and terminology confidently and aptly in your written assignments. Spelling correctly is important.
- Make sure you give practical home learning the same time as written assignments.
- You must be prepared to accept constructive criticism of your performance work and to act on it!
- Make sure you do the necessary background and wider reading of a topic when necessary.
- Ensure that you highlight and annotate texts in accordance with the specification that allows you to access what you need quickly.
- Develop creativity and originality in your practical work; versatility is the key to success.
- Keep detailed, well presented notes; you will reap the benefits when it comes to revision.
- Become very familiar with the exam board's website (AQA); it contains a vast amount of outstanding resources and guidance

Students' Tips on making a successful start to A Level Drama and Theatre:

- Be prepared to put in extra time to this subject; if you love the subject it won't be difficult! *Josh*
- Learn scripted extracts quickly, it is so much easier fine tuning your performance off text! *Lauren*
- The key to good A Level Drama is confidence and empathy. *Dennis*
- Learn to take risks with the people you work with; step out of your comfort zone! *Claire*
- Really research the genre and style of scripts you study. *David*