



Brigidine School Windsor

DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

Overview of Subject

Brigidine School Windsor offers the new Edexcel specification for 2008 for Drama and Theatre Studies.

The AS course consists of two units:

1. Exploration of Drama and Theatre
2. Theatre Text in Performance

The A2 course consists of two further units:

3. Exploration of Dramatic Performance
4. Theatre Text in Context

The course demands practical, creative and communication skills in almost equal measure. Students need to be curious about issues and ideas and to have a creative instinct for communicating their views through drama.

Prerequisite

A good pass at GCSE Drama and strong performance skills.

Skills Acquired During Course

Development of performance skills; confidence to communicate effectively to a variety of audiences; the ability to work cooperatively with others and to plan group work to meet a deadline for public performance; knowledge of a wide range of theatre genres and acting styles, play texts from different times and cultures and the work of theatre practitioners; the ability to evaluate theatre performances; an appreciation of how drama may be used as a means to educate and inform.

Assessment Procedure

At AS Level, Unit 1 is internally assessed and will include written coursework. Unit 2 is an externally assessed performance. At A2 Level, Unit 3 is internally assessed and will include written coursework. Unit 4 is externally assessed and comprises a written examination.

Career Opportunities

While Drama and Theatres Studies may be a route to further study of the subject and then into one of the very many careers that exist within the world of performing arts, the skills acquired and the self-confidence achieved as a result of completing this course are likely to be invaluable in any career.

Board: Edexcel

Specification No: AS=8DR01, A2=9DR01

