

Drama

Post 16 - Examination board Edexcel

A-Level Drama students at Shelley College are expected to complete the full A-Level rather than sit the AS in year 12 and A-Level in year 13. We feel that completing the two qualifications could disadvantage students and instead have given them the time to develop their skills and knowledge in year 12 before quality assessing the work they would like to take forward into year 13.

Course Content

Component 1: Devising

Non-examination assessment; internally assessed, externally moderated.

40% of the qualification

Content overview

- Devise an original performance piece.
- Use one key extract from a performance text and a theatre practitioner as stimuli.
- Centre choice of text and practitioner

There are two parts to the assessment:

- 1) a portfolio
- 2) the devised performance

Component 2: Text in Performance

Externally assessed by a visiting examiner

20% of the qualification

Content overview

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- A group performance of one key extract from a performance text.
- A monologue or duologue performance from one key extract from a different performance text.
- Centre choice of performance texts.

Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice

Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes

40% of the qualification

Assessment overview:

Section A: Live Theatre Evaluation

Section B: Page to Stage: Realising a Performance Text

Section C: Interpreting a Performance Text

Departmental Staff and Roles:

Mrs Helen Wirth: Head of Drama

Mr Garry Stead: Teacher of Drama

Miss Emma Nightingale: Teacher of Dance and Drama