

AS/A THEATRE STUDIES

AS COURSE CONTENT

TWO UNITS

Unit 1 Written Paper ; 90mins, 2 questions

- a) Analysis of a live production
- b) Study of a set text – Ibsen's Doll's House
- 60% of total AS – 30% of total A level

AS COURSE CONTENT

Unit 2 Practical

- Presentation of an extract from a play
- Marked by centre, moderated by AQA examiner
- Includes preparatory and development notes (not exceeding 750 words)
- 40% of total AS – 20% of total A level

A2 COURSE OUTLINE

TWO UNITS

Unit 3 Written paper 120mins

- Study of 2 set texts
- One pre-20th century
- 30% of total A level mark

A2 COURSE CONTENT

Unit 4 Practical

- Presentation of a piece of devised theatre
- Marked by centre moderated by AQA examiner
- Includes supporting notes on preparation and development
- 20% of total A level mark

WHY STUDY THEATRE?

- ...TO LEARN ABOUT THE WORLD
- ...TO LEARN ABOUT THE HUMAN CONDITION
- ...TO LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF

WHAT SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- **PROBLEM SOLVING** – working on performances of scripts as well as you own devised work.
- **COLLABORATION**- working as part of a team demonstrating emotional intelligence, leadership, empathy, compromise and highly developed communication skills.
- **ANALYTICAL THINKING** – Bertolt Brecht, Steven Berkoff, Constantin Stanislavki, Peter Brook, Max Stafford-Clark, Caryl Churchill etc
- **INDEPENDENT STUDY** – written assignments and research

WHAT SKILLS DO UNIVERSITIES VALUE?

PROBLEM SOLVING

COLLABORATION

ANALYTICAL THINKING

INDEPENDENT STUDY

WHAT SKILLS DO EMPLOYERS VALUE?

PROBLEM SOLVING

COLLABORATION

ANALYTICAL THINKING

INDEPENDENT WORKING

BUT I WANT TO STUDY...

- Criminology with Psychology
- Computer Science
- Media Studies
- Scriptwriting
- Forensic Science and Criminology
- French and Philosophy

...AT UNIVERSITY

IT'S NOT ACADEMIC

Like Maths, Science or English...

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Definitions

ACADEMIC:-

- relating to schools, colleges and universities, or connected with studying and thinking, not with practical skills
- theoretical and not related to practical effects in real life
- *Cambridge dictionary*

IS THIS WHAT WE MEAN BY AN ACADEMIC STUDENT?

- In factory-like schools, you will often hear words like 'performance' and 'achievement,' but rarely words like 'discovery' or 'exploration' or 'curiosity.'