



The Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form **A Level course 2017-19**

Drama and Theatre

Entry Requirements:

To study Drama and Theatre at Cardinal Wiseman you will need to have 4 GCSE passes at A*-C, including a grade 4 in English Language. It is preferable to have studied Drama at GCSE or have some experience in performing for this subject.

What will I study?

You will study the Edexcel A Level course which is separated into 3 components. Each component asks you to learn a new and exciting aspect of drama and theatre.

Component 1- You will devise a piece of theatre based on an extract from a text using the techniques and methods of either theatre practitioner or a theatre company.

Component 2- In this unit you will engage with two plays to create two pieces of live theatre: one will be a monologue or duologue; the second will be a group performance.

Component 3- Written exam exploring three essay questions that explore three different texts.

What are the examination/coursework requirements?

The course has a good balance of practical examinations, coursework and written exams and is divided as follows:

- Component One is 40% of your qualification. Internally assessed
- Component Two is 20% of your qualification and is externally assessment by a visiting examiner.
- Component Three is 40% of your qualification. This is a written examination.

What skills will I develop?

- You will develop skills in acting, directing, technical theatre, research, essay writing and analytical discussion.
- You will gain knowledge on influential theatre practitioners and playwrights
- You will grow in confidence, be able to problem solve and will learn how to practically apply theoretical knowledge.

How will this subject help me with my future career?

The skills gained in this subject can be transferred to various careers in Business and the Arts. Many go on to study Drama or Media at university, becoming performers or working behind the scenes in theatre or television. Others use the skills they have gained to work in areas where public speaking, presentations and analytical thinking are necessary; for example in teaching, medicine, criminology and law. Universities value the skills gained by students who have studied Drama. Students are viewed as confident, creative and motivated individuals who are able to be creative in the workplace.