

Welcome to Drama and Theatre A-Level!

We hope you are going to really enjoy the course and it will build on the love and experience you may have already gained of it in GCSE or through other interests in performance if you've never taken the subject before!

We study the OCR specification – you may want to check out the specification at glance details on their website here - <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/drama-and-theatre-h059-h459-from-2016/specification-at-a-glance/>

To help you prepare for some of the course content that you'll be studying we'd recommend the following things as your Drama transition work:

- Research 'Frankenstein' by Mary Shelley and 'Othello' by William Shakespeare.
 - This research can include familiarising yourself with the overall plot, themes and characters.
- You could also look at the context of the worlds in which both Shelley and Shakespeare were writing.

The following youtube links might help you with this research:

Othello:

Iago and Othello -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyoClwJn9lc&list=PLJgBmjHpqgs5wXwlfECRu-9bcltoYSPKI&index=1>

Director Nicholas Hytner on Othello -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2UNH8aSLDQ&list=PLJgBmjHpqgs5wXwlfECRu-9bcltoYSPKI&index=5>

Frankenstein:

Mary Shelley: A Biography – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4p96vql3zA>

Cruelty, Violence and the Creature - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irZav2XfPLs>

The above links will help you develop some of your understanding about the set texts we study at A-Level but some of the best transition work you could do would be watching live theatre – this could be at your local theatre or streaming some online!

We're really looking forward to seeing you in September!

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