**DRAMA A Level**

*The A Level drama course is a diverse and exciting course that explores theatre from both a performance and academic perspective. As we study the A Level course there will be one internal exam part way through year 12 and then the final examinations will take place at the end of year 13. This means you will not have a grade at the end of year 12.*

**Preparing for the course**

The course demands you have an excellent working knowledge of practitioners (both current and historical). As well as this, we suggest seeing some live theatre before the course starts. We are very lucky in Reading as there are multiple theatre venues in the town itself but also nearby. We personally recommend South Street, South Hill Park (In Bracknell) and The Oxford Playhouse for exciting drama.

In year 2 you will be sitting an exam in which you write about 3 exam texts. We have supplied the exact information for the exam text below which you will need to purchase before starting the course. If you are unsure about the ISBN number please contact Miss Woof (Head of Drama) to check. As well as exam texts we would like you to select one of the texts below to read and be ready to discuss in your first lesson. These are readily available from the library or Amazon.

**Exam texts:**

**Antigone** – Jean Anilouh

**Othello** – William Shakespeare

**Frankenstein** - Nick Dear

**Please pick one of the following texts to discuss during your first lesson back:**

Death Of An Anarchist, Dario Fo (adapted by Gavin Richards)

Colder Than Here - Laura Wade

Equus - Peter Shaffer

That Face - Polly Stenham

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| Black Watch – Gregor Burke  Hamlet – William Shakespeare  Oh What a Lovely War – Joan Littlewood  A Day In The Death Of Joe Egg – Peter Nichols  Caucasian Chalk Circle – Bertolt Brecht  Abigail’s Party – Mike Leigh  Plays One – Steven Berkoff |  |

Any questions or concerns please email Miss Woof: lwoof@littleheath.org.uk