

# Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School

## Year 12 A Level Drama and Theatre

A Level Drama and Theatre is an exciting and challenging course of study. To prepare for the course we suggest that you complete **Task 1**. This should be ready to hand in during our first lesson in September.

In addition, you may want to complete one or more of the **further tasks**.

### Task 1

#### a) Live Theatre Review

Watch a piece of live theatre and then write a theatre review. This should include, but is not limited to, an evaluation of the following:

- An overview of the performance
- The individual performance of at least one actor
- The relationship between the actors and the audience
- Technical and design elements

Where possible, you should see a professionally produced production. Choose something new for this particular task, rather than relying on a memory of a show you have seen before.

#### b) Reinterpretation

Formulate a **reinterpretation** of the production you have seen. This may involve reimagining the text in a different context, reinterpreting it for a different audience or any other kind of creative reworking. This could be written in continuous prose or presented through a mixture of images, design ideas and annotation.

#### Extension

Apply the working methods of a theatre company or practitioner to your reinterpretation.

#### Recommended Performance Venues

Shakespeare's Globe, The National Theatre, The Young Vic / The Old Vic, The Almeida

## Further Tasks

### Task 2

#### Theatre Practitioners: Compare and Contrast

The National Theatre: Five Truths. Watch this series of short films and make notes on the stylistic influences of each practitioner.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OD7phopWWk&list=PL5DE67813461897E6>

### Task 3

#### Recommended Reading

Konstantin Stanislavski: An Actor Prepares  
Bertolt Brecht: Brecht on Theatre

#### Extended

Augusto Boal: Theatre of the Oppressed  
Antonin Artaud: The Theatre and its Double  
Jerzy Grotowski: Towards a Poor Theatre

### Task 4

#### Subject Specifications

Familiarise yourself with the requirements of the course by reading the subject specification. We follow the WJEC/Eduqas A Level in Drama and Theatre.

<http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/drama-and-theatre/as-a-level/>