

St. Gregory's Catholic High School



Bridging the Gap – Theatre Studies / Performing Arts

Theatre Studies A Level / Btec Performing Arts

Find subject specific vocabulary and definitions at the link below. Learn these and you'll be equipped to discuss a whole range of performances.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/resources/drama-and-performing-arts/as-and-a-level/drama-and-theatre/teach/subject-specific-vocabulary>

A Level Theatre Studies / Btec Performing Arts information and specifications:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/a-level/drama-and-theatre-7262>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/drama-and-theatre-2016.html>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/performing-arts-2016.html>

Theatre Practitioners

The link below lists a choice of theatre makers that AQA suggest you can use to inspire your work. It is good to glance at the list to become familiar with some names, regardless of your exam board or course in September. You will notice that the list on this link represents a range of theatre directors, theatre designers and performers. It's good to look up a range, to broaden your knowledge and increase familiarity.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/drama/a-level/drama-and-theatre-7262/subject-content/prescribed-practitioners>

However, these are the practitioners that we suggest you start your research with:

Bertolt Brecht

Konstantin Stanislavski

Complicite

Atonin Artaud

Frantic Assembly

Gecko

Notable Theatre Companies that theatre students should be aware of:

Frantic Assembly <https://www.franticassembly.co.uk/> (information about the company and great videos of past performances)

Complicité <http://www.complicite.org/company.php> (streaming past performances)

National Theatre <https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/> (streaming past performances)

Royal Shakespeare Company <https://www.rsc.org.uk/>

Gecko <https://www.geckotheatre.com/>

Buying resources:

<https://www.ehdltd.co.uk/> - this company sells a mixture of drama materials for but there are A Level handbooks and support texts available. Check with your college first though, to see which texts you may study. There will be heaps of books second hand on ebay – so try there first.

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