

Introducing Advanced Higher Drama

Advanced Higher is SQA's highest level of National Course. It is very demanding. Advanced Higher extends students' knowledge and skills beyond Higher. Students will face new academic and personal challenges, requiring them to develop their knowledge and abilities, and to think and work independently.

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The Course consists of three mandatory Units: *Devised Drama*, *Twentieth-Century Theatre – Theories of Performance*, and *Drama: Special Study*

The aim of the Advanced Higher Course is to allow the exploration of relationships in the context of the study of the art of theatre. This is achieved by exploring drama and performance skills and studying leading world theatre practitioners. Candidates will also study drama through direct experience of live theatrical performance, which will illuminate knowledge and understanding of the practice of theatre.

The Units are internally assessed, as follows:

- ◆ *Devised Drama*: a folio of work generated whilst devising, designing, preparing for, rehearsing and presenting a coherent and integral piece of theatre. There should also be a written report.
- ◆ *Twentieth-Century Theatre – Theories of Performance*: an assignment exploring aspects of theatre practice in one or two recent productions which reflect theories and practice of a 20th Century theatre practitioner.
- ◆ *Drama: Special Study*: a two-part report — Part 1 focuses on research done by the candidate to arrive at performance concepts for a chosen play; Part 2 is a short evaluation of the performance concepts.

The Course is externally assessed by a Question Paper (55% of the Course award) and a Practical Examination (based on a choice of Acting, Direction or Design — 45% of the Course award).

Further Information

You can find the detailed Course Arrangements on the Drama page of SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk). A specimen examination paper is also available here, together with other information and guidance.

Copies of past examination papers can be purchased from SQA's Customer Contact Centre – tel 0845 279 1000. The Contact Centre can also send you our free leaflet *Introducing Advanced Higher* (publication code BD2803).