

# A Level Drama and Theatre

## Pre-course work



### ***Pre-course expectations***

Success in Sixth Form is largely a function of the amount and quality of independent study you carry out; here's a chance to help you get the very best start to your course. We would like you to complete the work described below and hand it in to your teacher in your first lesson in September. If you have made a late change to your timetable, please complete this work within the first week of starting the course. The work should take you 2-3 hours.

### ***Details of pre-course work***

- Go and see a piece of live theatre.
- Prepare a PowerPoint presentation, saved on a memory stick, that includes information about the play and production, and evaluates the effectiveness of the production in your (educated) opinion.

### ***Suggestions to help you with this work***

- The presentation should be structured as follows:
  - Title of play, Director or production company, venue seen, date seen.
  - Some background about the play/playwright.
  - Some background about the production/production company/director.
  - At least one example that you would like to pick out from the performance.
  - A summary of your evaluation of the effectiveness of the production.
- Consider the relevance of the piece to you as an audience member within our contemporary context.
- Particularly try to comment on the style or techniques used and their purpose.
- Try to resist a colloquial review of the piece, or one which recommends the piece to others. The presentation should be an academic evaluation.
- See a piece of professional theatre, not an amateur production.

### ***Stretch yourself***

- See another production by the same company/director /playwright to compare.
- If possible, purchase the text and read it. Compare with the production of it.
- Watch another piece of live theatre – the more the better!