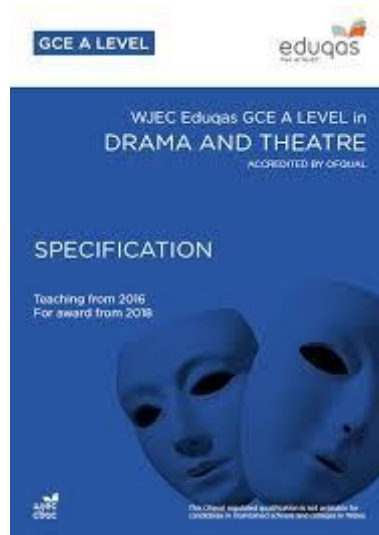


## Drama and Theatre Studies

### A Level preparation: Summer Project



A key element of the A Level Drama course will be to create an engaging character within a performance making independent choices regarding voice, movement and gestures. If you go on to apply for a Drama course at university, you will be expected to attend an audition where with 2 contrasting monologues prepared in advance. This summer you will research, prepare and learn a monologue to perform in front of the Drama Group within the first few lessons of the course in September.

#### **Task 1: Research and choose a suitable monologue**

There are many websites online dedicated to publishing extracts from plays suitable as audition monologues – A good place to start would be:

<http://stageagent.com/monologues>

#### **Task 2: Monologue Justification**

Write a short (500 words max) justification of the reasons you have selected your chosen monologue. Your Justification should include:

- The initial reason you were drawn to the monologue
- Your understanding of the text/character

- What is the characters motivations/objective?
- What should the character look like? (Costume/Hair/Make up)
- How should the character be performed (Voice/Movement/Gestures)
- Further research into the play the monologue comes from and showing you understand how it fits into the overall context

### **Task 3: Annotate Monologue**

Print out your monologue and as you rehearse/ prepare the audition piece annotate the script with decisions on voice/ movement/ gestures and give justifications.

### **Task 4: Prepare performance**

Make sure you are fully ready to perform the monologue in front of the rest of the group feeling secure in the lines and preparing any costume/props that will help to communicate the character and text.

### **Further Reading:**

The following practitioners/Theatre Groups/playwrights will be studied as part of the curriculum and any wider reading about them would be beneficial. You could also look for examples of their work on youtube etc.

**Bertolt Brecht**

**Antonin Artaud**

**Konstantin Stanislavsky**

**DV8**

**Theatre Complicite**

**Frantic Assembly**

**Steven Berkoff**

**Tennessee Williams**

**Dario Fo**