



THEATRE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

WHY SHOULD I STUDY IB THEATRE?

This course is an opportunity to practically explore and research contemporary and historical styles of theatre in order to produce new live performances. Theatre is a dynamic art form so there are opportunities to see a wide range of live performances that will inspire and challenge pupils' ideas. Pupils take part in two practical workshops led by professional artists.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

The 'Research Presentation' focuses on a world theatre tradition; you will learn about the style of performance and the performance context before creating a presentation with a practical demonstration. The 'Director's Notebook' enables you to develop your thinking as a director and designer in order to produce a portfolio of ideas for staging a contemporary play text. The 'Collaborative Project' requires pupils to devise their own original performance, and takes on roles as director, designer and performer. Higher Level candidates further undertake the 'Solo Theatre Project' examining the theories of a recognised practitioner in order to create their own unique solo performance to a live audience.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Pupils complete coursework assignments throughout the 2-year course and these are marked in the final term. The Collaborative Project is marked internally and is filmed for moderation. The remaining three tasks are recorded and uploaded and sent to the IB to be marked by external examiners. The assessments are a mixture of practical performances, presentations and written essays.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

Collaboration and creativity are key. Pupils become fluent and confident presenters, their research skills are fine-tuned having critiqued a wide range of sources. Written skills including analysis and evaluation are to be developed through essay writing.

WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

Most employers are seeking creative and critical thinkers with the ability to collaborate and the theatre course hones these skills. Previous pupils have gone on to study Law, Theatre Arts, Lighting Design, Film Production, Photography, Film, English and Acting.

