



DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES SUMMER TASK



Welcome to the AS Level Drama and Theatre Studies course. Over the summer there are many things you can do to foster your wider subject knowledge and enthusiasm for theatre. My main wish is that you watch as much theatre as you can!

The formal tasks I would like you to complete are:

1. Write a short essay (1-2 sides of A4, handwritten) entitled:
'Theatre has become irrelevant in modern society', discuss.
2. Create a 'mood board' of theatre productions you have seen. You should include production images and some writing to explain how different shows have inspired you or developed your understanding of Drama and Theatre. **This should be one side of A3.**
3. Research one of the following periods of theatre history and prepare a 5-10 minute presentation which you will deliver to the rest of the class in the first weeks of term.
Your presentation should contain no more than 3 PowerPoint slides, it can be as active as you want!
 - Ancient Greek Theatre
 - Medieval Theatre
 - Italian Renaissance and Commedia Del'Arte
 - Elizabethan/Jacobean Theatre
 - Restoration Theatre and Melodrama
 - Naturalism 1870-1915 (approx.)

Areas to cover:

- Key playwrights
- Acting style
- Performance space
- Design
- Important events