



Drama

Getting prepared

Specification

To download the syllabus, click on 'Level 3 Tech levels in Creative and Performing Arts'. Open the folder and select 'Level 3 Diploma', then 'Acting', then 'Units'. You will study 7 of these units across the 2 years. [Link](#)



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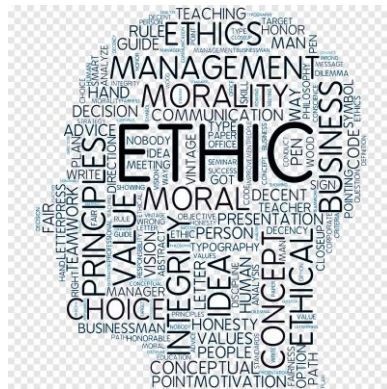
Read the information about Katie Mitchell and watch the video titled 'Making a Live Cinema Show' (The second video on the page). Consider how she uses film within her performances.

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Read the information about Stanislavski and complete the test.

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This video will explain what verbatim theatre is. Watch the video and then consider the ethics of verbatim.



Link Part One

Link Part Two

Watch the videos to find out more about Brecht.

If you are considering studying Drama next year, then these are activities that you should seriously consider completing over the next few months to prepare yourself.

The activities are divided into:

Essential - suggested as good preparation for the course.

Recommended - suggested to support the essential activities for the course

Optional - suggested to support wider learning around the subject; you are expected to do this independently.

Recommended

Unit of study – Mask Work

One of the optional units in this course focuses on mask work. Explore the Vamos website to find out more about this style of theatre. Click on 'Shows', select any show title and watch the trailers. Consider what skills you need to perform mask work successfully.

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[Vamos Theatre](#)

Unit of study – Puppetry

Puppetry is another form of theatre that could be studied on this course. Watch the music video 'In The Name of Man' by Plan B. Consider the way that the puppets have been used to tell the story. Think about how the puppets elicit an emotional response from us, despite having no facial expressions.

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[In the Name of Man](#)

Unit of study – Acting for the Camera

Acting for camera is very different to stage acting. The YouTube site on the link below offers many short videos that offer advice on acting for the camera. Watch some and consider how and why it is so different from stage acting.

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[Free Acting Tips](#)

Unit of study – Approaches to Acting

This unit covers different acting styles. Have a look at the National Theatre YouTube channel. Watch a couple of the trailers. Look for different acting styles.

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[National Theatre at Home](#)

Unit of study – Careers

Explore the 'Get Into Theatre' website to find out about different careers in Acting and Theatre.

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[Get into theatre](#)

Further reading and preparation

The Stage

The Stage is an online resource for training and working actors. It advertises jobs, offers help and advice, has podcasts and articles, and reviews current performances. The links below take you to useful areas of the website, however you can also just explore for yourselves.



Resources



The Stage Podcast



If possible, try to watch a live theatre performance. How does the director use sound and lighting to enhance the production?

Watch films and television programmes. Consider the way the actor is playing the character. How do they communicate with the audience?