

GCE A Level Drama

Unit Assignment Theme: Drama and Theatre (Live Theatre)

Student Name:

Duration: Summer Holiday onwards. Teacher(s): Mr Austin/Miss Guyon

Assignment aim:

- To consider live theatre and how to effectively plan how to write about it.
- To establish understanding of live theatre and the ways in which companies portray certain styles of performance.
- To begin effectively evaluating live theatre and ensuring appropriate terminology is used in your response.

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Tasks:

1. Access online theatre performances at least once within the holidays. There have been many opportunities to watch full length theatre performances online that have been made available through sources such as: **National Theatre Live, Old Vic** and even some **West End** shows have been made available. Some are free streams, some may require a small fee, but many are available to watch.
2. Write at least one theatre review (max 2000 words) based on a performance you have seen. Any performance will suffice. Consider the following key areas:

Staging – Set – Costume – Blocking – Characterisation – Audience Awareness – Style and how this contributed to the effectiveness – Lighting/Sound additions – Relationships between characters

Remember you will need to be prepared for September by having:

- Notebooks
- Be prepared to read to a deadline
- Be creative in your responses both practically and theoretically

Additional:

- Two set texts will be required to be purchased at a given point throughout the year