

Stepping Up to Post 16: A Level Drama and Theatre (Edexcel)

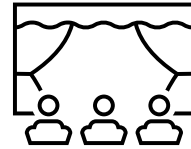
Things to Read:

- How Plays Work by David Edgar - <https://www.wob.com/en-gb/category/all?search=How%20plays%20work%20David%20edgar>
- Theatre Craft: A Director's Companion by John Caird - <https://www.wob.com/en-gb/books/john-caird/theatre-craft/9780571237371>
- Theatre Reviews - <https://www.theguardian.com/stage/theatre+tone/reviews>



Things to Watch:

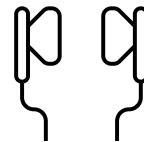
- **National Theatre Collection** on <https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com/login?recentUrl=/national-theatre-collection> - please request a username and password from jbeal@wbs.school
 - Yerma
 - Antigone
 - Chewing Gum Dreams
 - Top Girls
 - King Lear
 - Small Island
 - *And many more!*
- **Great British Theatre – Series 1** (Available on Amazon Prime)
 - Fleabag
 - Hamlet
 - Frankenstein



- **Staged – Series 1** (Available on BBC iPlayer)

Things to Listen To:

- **Musical Soundtracks** (Available on music streaming platforms)
 - Les Miserables
 - Hadestown
 - Company
 - Sweeney Todd
 - Hamilton
 - Wicked
 - *And so many more!*
- **Royal Court's Playwright Podcast**
 - Calling all aspiring playwrights! Join the Olivier Award-winning writer Simon Stephens as he sits down with some of the world's leading playwrights to learn all about their lives and their work.
- **NT Talks**
 - National Theatre's NT Talks offers a curated collection of conversations, all of which are recorded live from the National Theatre stages. If you have a favourite actor, director or playwright that you want to know more about or a specific show, this is a great place for it!





Stepping Up to Post 16: A Level Music (AQA)

Things to Read

- **Blog: "Classicalexburns: A Classical Music Blog" Classicalexburns**

<https://www.classicalexburns.com> is a blog dedicated to classical music. It offers detailed analysis and insights into a wide range of musical works, composers, and historical periods.

- **Book: Essential Dictionary of Orchestration**

The most important book to understand if you intend to write for instruments at A-Level music. This small handy guide gives you all the information you need about instrument ranges, timbre's and playable styles.



- **Book: Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain by Oliver Sacks**

This fascinating book explores the relationship between music and the human brain. It delves into case studies and anecdotes, shedding light on the neurological and psychological aspects of music.

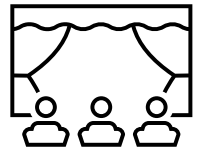
Things to Watch

- **Musicals:**

- Les Miserables (Hugh Jackman film for the musical but the Liam Neeson version is really good for understanding the story).
- Sweeney Todd (Johnny Depp film first but watch this stage concert afterwards to understand the actual composition: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7D3OptJO-Q>)
- Miss Saigon (2014 Production <https://www.dailymotion.com/playlist/x2ak1b>)
- Into the Woods (Watch the Disney film first, then watch this version to actually get the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJir5uPRXcM>).

- **TwoSet Violin**

Two violinists that love Classical music and make comedy videos about the Classical world <https://www.youtube.com/user/twosetviolin>.



- **Howard Goodall's Story of Music**

It's a 6 part series but if you watch just one, watch the second episode "The Age of Invention", which takes you through the most important period of music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMxsE8wawVA>

Things to Listen To

- **Classical Classroom** Podcast hosted by Dacia Clay

It is an engaging and educational podcast that aims to make classical music accessible and enjoyable for listeners of all levels of musical knowledge.

- **Listening Across the Eras**

- **Era:**
 - 1. *Baroque* 1. Johann Sebastian Bach - "Brandenburg Concertos"
 - 2. Antonio Vivaldi - "The Four Seasons"
 - 3. George Frideric Handel - "Messiah"
- **Classical Era:**
 - 1. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Piano Concerto No. 21, Requiem Mass in D minor
 - 2. Ludwig van Beethoven - Symphony No. 5
 - 3. Franz Joseph Haydn - String Quartet Op. 76 No. 3 "Emperor"
- **Romantic Era:**
 - 1. Ludwig van Beethoven - Symphony No. 9 "Choral Symphony"
 - 2. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - Symphony No. 5, Piano Concerto No. 1
 - 3. Frédéric Chopin - Nocturnes, Ballades, and Preludes (any)
- **Impressionist and 20th Century:**
 - 1. Claude Debussy - "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun"
 - 2. Igor Stravinsky - "The Rite of Spring"
 - 4. Gustav Mahler - Symphony No. 5

