



The Thomas Hardy School

Summer Preparation Task

A Level Theatre Studies

Purpose of task:

To prepare students to Component 3: Text in Practice
To encourage students to begin engaging with the independent nature of 6th form study

Task: Watch a professional theatre performance and take notes on **four key aspects** of the performance that inspired you. We suggest buying a programme for this production and writing the date you watched it down, so you can refer to it later. These aspects could be an acted moment, use of costume or set, or even puppetry. This must not be a musical theatre performance. Please submit **2 A4 pages (four sides)** of notes. Notes should include.

- Details of what inspired you
- Why you were inspired
- Your reaction/feeling as an audience member
- Anything you notice about the style/ form

Recommended resources:

Visit the theatre to enjoy a professional production. Suggested theatres are:

- Dorchester Arts
- Poole Lighthouse
- Southampton Mayflower
- Bath Theatre Royal
- Exeter Northcott

Or any London venues if you can travel further afield.

If you are unable to travel to the theatre over the summer, you could always purchase a theatre experience at home and watch one of the NT live productions; <https://www.ntlive.com/>

Additional Information:

Required Stationery and Equipment for

Pens, plenty of A4 paper,
An A4 folder with dividers.

Essential Resources

Students will be provided with digital copies of the set texts for work in lessons, however will require new/clean copies for their examination. Students may wish to use these copies in lessons and annotate in pencil which can be rubbed out before their final examination. Here are the amazon links to the accurate copies;

<https://amzn.eu/d/eIBXLaV>

<https://amzn.eu/d/IymjeFh>

<https://amzn.eu/d/7phIEFp>

Things to Consider Throughout the Year

Productions to the theatre (Bath, Southampton and locally in Poole & Dorchester) are mandatory for student success. We recommend that students attend at least 2 of the 4 offered trips at a cost of approximately £30 each.

Deadline for Task: First lesson in the week commencing 14th September 2026

Recommended reading & activities list: