



A Level Syllabus and Assessment Structure:

Exam board: Edexcel

Component 1: (NEA) Devising: 40%

Component 2: (Exam) Text in Performance: 20%

Component 3: (Exam) Theatre Makers in Practice: 40%

Link to the specification: [Edexcel Drama and Theatre Studies A Level Specification](#)

Required (Task Time: 3 hours)	Purchase and read the play <i>Machinal</i> by Sophie Treadwell. Please see link below for buying options.  Order this ASAP as it may take a while to arrive: <a href="#">Machinal text</a>
Highly Recommended (Task Time: 3 hours)	Watch this online version of the play on YouTube. It is a version from an American university that we will also look at in class: <a href="#">Machinal performance</a> .
Optional	At the start of term, we will be looking at different theatre practitioners. One of these will be the company, 'Paper Birds'.  Do some research into the company. Find out about their: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• style,</li><li>• company ethos,</li><li>• past productions.</li></ul> You can watch YouTube clips of their work and trailers for shows they have created. You might even start following them on Instagram. This website will be helpful: <a href="http://www.paperbirds.com">www.paperbirds.com</a>  Produce a short PowerPoint on your findings-you can embed clips into this, include photos and pieces of text.