

Theatre Studies Summer Work 2026

Task One:

READ: Please read at least two contrasting plays (more if possible!). Think of the contrast in terms of style of play and/or time period. Make a note of the plot, style and why they are significant to theatre history. Also, note any potential scenes you may wish to perform. Suggested play texts are below, but feel free to choose your own.

- Jez Butterworth - *Jerusalem*
- John Osborne – *Look Back in Anger*
- Henrik Ibsen – *A Doll's House*
- Berthold Brecht – *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*
- Shelagh Delaney – *A Taste of Honey*
- Caryl Churchill – *Top Girls, Cloud Nine*
- Debbie Tucker-Green – *Random*
- Katori Hall – *The Mountaintop*

Below is a list of suggested plays from AQA. It's a very long list, but a great starting point!

[Teaching guide: suggested plays](#)

Task Two:

WATCH: Please ensure that you have seen at least ONE new theatre production either live or streamed.

Task Three:

CREATE: Select **ONE** of the following theatre practitioners that you have not heard of and create a handout that introduces their theories, techniques, ideas and background. This must be in your own words.

Choose from the following:

- Brecht
- Artaud
- Peter Brook
- Katie Mitchell
- Punchdrunk
- Talawa
- The Paper Birds
- Emma Rice

Sources:

To do your research, look online, in libraries, in bookshops, in theatres and listen to podcasts. There is a lot of information out there!

Below are log in details for the school Digital Theatre Plus account. It's a great resource:

- [Digital Theatre+](#)
- User: student@wkgs.net
- Password: species@9614

You can also rent plays from the National Theatre:

- ntathome.com/products

There are a number of plays available via **Amazon Prime**.

Please make sure you watch PLAYS and not MUSICALS.

Audible and **BBC Sounds** have lots of plays available to listen to, which can be really useful to get to know a play or listen to a different interpretation.

Theatres:

[What's On - Liverpool Everyman & Playhouse Theatres](#)

[Events Archive - Unity Theatre](#)

[What's on | Storyhouse](#)

[What's On | Theatr Clwyd](#)

[What's On | Lowry](#)

[What's On - Royal Exchange Theatre](#)

London and the Edinburgh Fringe are also fantastic places to visit for summer theatre!

ASSESSMENT:

In discussion, via practitioner handout and through practical application.

Hope you have a wonderful summer!