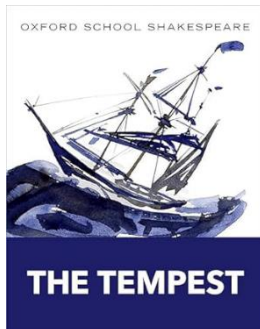


## Welcome to Drama and Theatre at Putney High School!

Welcome to your A Level journey in the Sixth Form – we cannot wait to get started! Below are some recommendations of books to buy and so you are ready to get started in Year 12 – as well as a few theatre shows to watch!

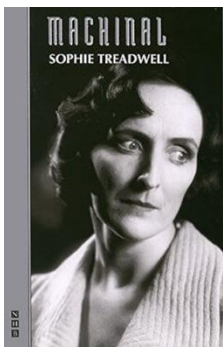
### TEXTBOOKS

[The Tempest: Oxford School Shakespeare : Shakespeare, William: Amazon.co.uk: Books](#)



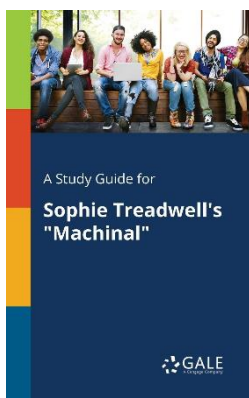
Get yourself a copy of this – this is the version that we use for A Level – and importantly the one that you will use in your written exam at the end of Year 13.

[Machinal \(NHB Classic Plays\): Amazon.co.uk: Sophie Treadwell: 9781854592118: Books](#)



Another one of our set texts – which is very handy to have a physical copy of. Feel free to give it a read. (Please be aware that there is some strong and offensive language in the play – that we will discuss during the course.)

[A Study Guide for Sophie Treadwell's "Machinal": Amazon.co.uk: Gale, Cengage Learning: 9781375383806: Books](#)



This is also handy to get a copy of if you would like to read up more on the play – although there is also a lot online as well. So maybe just spend an afternoon googling a bit of background on Machinal and the themes and ideas that it raises. This play is nearly 100 years old but still very relevant.

## THEATRE – WATCH SOME ONLINE or EVEN BETTER – GO AND SEE SOME!

The more theatre you see the better – you must write in the sixth form as an informed audience member. We realise that this is not always an option to physically go – but we have a brilliant membership to Digital Theatre Plus so you have lots of theatre at hand!

<https://www.digitaltheatreplus.com/>

Log in: [student@put.gdst.net](mailto:student@put.gdst.net)

Password: greatjewel60

It would be GREAT for you to watch the following videos – that will really help with the set text. (Search for them!)



The Tempest by the Donmar Warehouse – A Modern adaption of our set text – with an all-female cast and set in a prison.



The Tempest by The Royal Shakespeare Company (Very different to the Donmar Warehouse!)

And any other shows that take your fancy on the website! Favourites from the department include:

- **Things I Know to be True** – Funny but also very sad - wonderfully put together by Frantic Assembly
- **All My Sons** – A WONDERFUL play by Arthur Miller (of The Crucible fame!) - A very naturalistic family drama.
- **Animal Farm** – A vibrant new adaptation by the National Youth Theatre
- **Beautiful Thing** – A really great family drama
- **Metamorphosis** - Another great adaptation by Frantic Assembly of this Kafka classic about consumerism.

If you are a musicals fan there are some brilliant shows on there – **Kinky Boots, An American in Paris, Into the Woods** are just a few – have a search.

Just treat yourselves to some afternoons of theatre over the summer – and after you've seen them – have a little reflection of whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

***'Theatre has nothing to say to a modern audience'***

***'Actors are nothing without designers'***

***'Live theatre should have something important to say to an audience, otherwise it is a pointless event.'***

We cannot wait to get started – have a lovely summer and we will see you in September when we will also be AUDITIONING for 'The Importance of Being Earnest' for Nov/Dec this year - all the audition information will be released the first week back!

The Drama Department