

Drama Curriculum Outline 2023-2024

	Skills: • To learn how to write in role as performer/ director/ designer • To explore different characters and how to perform them. EXAM BOARD: GCSE DRAMA – EDUQAS.		To practise theatre analysis, in preparation for GCSE exam. To apply & adapt performances to different practitioners and styles.	Skills: • Exploration, rehearsal, refinement and performance of piece based on a creative intention. • Refinement of analysis of set text and live theatre performance. • To practise writing in role as performer/ director/ designer, plus live theatre analysis, in preparation for GCSE exam • To explore, analyse and evaluate GCSE devised pieces as an essay.	Skills: • Exploration, rehearsal, refinement and performance of piece based on a creative intention. • Refinement of analysis of set text and live theatre performance. • To practise writing in role as performer/ director/ designer, plus live theatre analysis, in preparation for GCSE exam • To explore, analyse and evaluate GCSE devised pieces as an essay.	
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Year 9	Component 2 & 3 Section A. Knowledge: • To explore a drama text in detail. • To be able to explore a play and perform specific extracts to a high standard. • To show ability to adapt performance skills and design in line with appropriate characterisation, as well as genre, form, style. Skills: • To learn how to write in role as performer/ director/ designer • To explore different characters and how to perform them. Component 1 - Exploring styles & practitioners. Knowledge: To learn about a range of different theatre practitioners and styles. To study an extract of live theatre. Skills: To practise theatre analysis, in preparation for GCSE exam. To apply & adapt performances to different practitioners and styles EXAM BOARD: GCSE DRAMA - EDUQAS.			 Knowledge: To explore, analyse and evaluate set stimuli to create own devised piece. Skills: • Exploration, rehearsal, refinement and performance of piece based on a creative intention. • To explore, analyse and evaluate GCSE devised pieces as an essay. 		Component 3 – Section A & B. Knowledge: • To explore (practically & theoretically) a set text in relation to performance & technical element. • To study, analyse & evaluate an extract of live theatre. Skills: • Refinement of analysis of set text and live theatre performance. • To practise writing in role as performer/director/designer, plus live theatre analysis.
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Year 8	Unit Title: 'Shrek the Musical'. Knowledge: To create an authentic character. To explore the effect of different contexts on a role.	Unit Title: Stage Combat Knowledge: To explore the use of stage combat in theatre. Skills:	Unit Title: Script Work Knowledge: • To explore a play. To create an authentic character. • To explore the effect of different contexts on a role.	Unit Title: Introduction to devising & improvisation Knowledge: To respond to a stimulus. To work effectively with others to create an idea.	Unit Title: Greek Theatre Knowledge: To explore the genre of Greek Theatre.	Unit Title: Life Skills Knowledge: To appreciate the relevance of Performing Arts skills to the wider world.

	To explore context, set & costume. Skills: • To adapt accent to suit social background. • To learn how to sustain a character for an entire performance.	To learn how to use stage combat in theatre. To understand how to execute moves safely.	Skills: • To adapt performance skills and sustain them in performance. • To learn how to sustain a character for an entire performance.	To learn how to use explorative strategies. Skills: To use explorative strategies to create and perform a piece of theatre. Adaptation of performance skills to suit role of own creation.	To learn how to adapt performance skills to suit Greek Theatre. Skills: • To examine and perform a section from a play. • Adaptation of performance skills to suit different roles.	To practise and develop speaking and presentation skills. To build self-confidence and develop team building and leadership skills. Skills: To develop communication, collaboration & leadership skills.
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Ye	Unit Title: African Drumming Introduction to Acting Knowledge: • Understanding of dynamics, texture, rhythm, tempo. • Understanding of how to use vocal skills (pace, pitch, volume). • Combination of vocal and physical performance. Skills: • Development of sense of rhythm. • Development of performance skills.	Unit Title: Christmas Carols & pantomime Knowledge: • Singing skills. • Understanding of ensemble singing. • Performing as a character & basic characterisation. Skills: • Development of sense of rhythm, timing, dynamics. • Further development of performance skills.	Unit Title: Musical Theatre (Newsies) Knowledge: • To explore the genre of musical theatre in relation to stage and music. Skills: • Develop understanding of the complexity of musical theatre. • Development of ability to sing, dance and act.	Unit Title: Journey's End Knowledge: Basic ukulele & keyboard skills (timing, accuracy, fluency). Understanding & using performance skills (voice, face, body language) for effect. Creation of characters & short piece of drama (role-play, hot-seating). Skills: Application of performance skills in role. Characterisation skills.	Unit Title: Peter & the Wolf Knowledge: Development of musical appreciation. Development of musical skills (timing, accuracy, fluency). Development of performance skills. Development of character creation & characterisation. Skills: How to use and incorporate physical theatre. Further development of characterisation skills.	Unit Title: Creature Composing and 'Jabberwocky'. Knowledge: Development of musical skills (melody, instruments, rhythm). Introduction to mime and physical theatre. Creation of own musical piece. Creation of own dramatic piece. Skills: Application of performance skills in role. Characterisation skills.

Key/Legend/Notes:

As of 2022, our GCSE Drama set text is 'DNA' by Dennis Kelly. An example of our recent text choices for Component 2 include: 'Macbeth', 'Blood Brothers' and 'Journey's End'. Our Live Theatre analysis will be done on performances watched collectively.