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KS3- Year 8 Long Term Mapping

Expressive Arts - Drama

Subject Intent/ Aims:

All pupils should be enabled to participate in and gain knowledge, skills and understanding associated with the artistic practice of drama. Pupils should be able to adopt, create and sustain a range of roles, responding appropriately to others in role. They should have opportunities to improvise, devise and script drama for one another and a range of audiences, as well as to rehearse, refine, share and respond thoughtfully to drama and theatre performances.

Drama and role-play can contribute to the quality of pupils' writing by providing opportunities for pupils to develop and order their ideas through playing roles and improvising scenes in various settings.

Reading, re-reading, and rehearsing plays for presentation and performance give pupils opportunities to discuss language, including vocabulary, extending their interest in the meaning and origin of words. Pupils should be encouraged to use drama approaches to understand how to perform plays and poems to support their understanding of the meaning. These activities also provide them with an incentive to find out what expression is required, so feeding into comprehension.

Curriculum features

The curriculum is structured based on the expectations for A Level Drama and Theatre as well as BTEC national qualifications; key concepts and skills required by the end of year 13 are fed down into schemes of work from Year 7 upwards. This is designed to raise expectations and standards from the start of Key Stage 3 and ensure that drama knowledge is being understood both practically and theoretically. A linear curriculum is in place at Key Stage 3. Year 7, 8 and 9 will all study a theatre style during Autumn







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term, explore a text through performance during Spring term and put their skills into practice in Summer term devising theatre, through exploration of a social, historical and cultural topics. This linear structure allows students to return to key concepts throughout the key stage, but build on them to advance their knowledge further as the years progress.

ADVENT- Key Concepts:	LENT- Key Concepts:	PENTECOST- Key Concepts:
SERIOUS FUN/DRAMA SKILLS revisited #TEAMSPH	PEER PRESSURE-THEMATIC WORK	RESPOND TO A STIMULUS AND DEVISE A PERFORMANCE
	SCRIPTED -Refugee Boy	Spontaneous Improvisation
PHYSICAL COMEDY/SLAPSTICK COMEDY from early	PANTOMIME it's history and style of performance	Role Play
20 th Century to present day.		Still Imaging
SCRIPTED STIMULUS: The Evil Landlord		Thought tracking
		Cross Cutting
		Marking the Moment
		Soundscape







National Curriculum Coverage:	National Curriculum Coverage:	National Curriculum Coverage:
All pupils should be enabled to participate in and gain	Pupils should become more familiar with and confident	All pupils should be enabled to participate in and gain
knowledge, skills and understanding associated with the	in using language in a greater variety of situations, for a	knowledge, skills and understanding associated with the
artistic practice of drama. Pupils should be able to adopt,	variety of audiences and purposes, including through	artistic practice of drama. Pupils should be able to adopt,
create and sustain a range of roles, responding	drama, formal presentations and debate.	create and sustain a range of roles, responding
appropriately to others in role. They should have	Reading, re-reading, and rehearsing poems and plays for	appropriately to others in role. They should have
opportunities to improvise, devise and script drama for	presentation and performance give pupils opportunities	opportunities to improvise, devise and script drama for
one another and a range of audiences, as well as to	to discuss language, including vocabulary, extending	one another and a range of audiences, as well as to
rehearse, refine, share and respond thoughtfully to	their interest in the meaning and origin of words. Pupils	rehearse, refine, share and respond thoughtfully to
drama and theatre performances.		drama and theatre performances.
	understand how to perform plays and poems to support	
All children should learn through and about drama;	their understanding of the meaning. These activities also	All children should learn through and about drama;
describes drama as an artistic practice; and makes it	provide them with an incentive to find out what	describes drama as an artistic practice; and makes it
clear that young people should be enabled to respond to	expression is required, so feeding into comprehension.	clear that young people should be enabled to respond to
theatre and performance. It is a first building block for		theatre and performance. It is a first building block for
teachers, drama and theatre professionals to base great		teachers, drama and theatre professionals to base great







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Explore in role (performing/responding)

Collaborate on scripts (responding)

Exploratory drama (responding)

Evaluate presentations (Making, Performing,

Responding)

Respond to a play (Making, Performing, Responding)

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Components	HO Knowledge:	Components (Key Content/ Knowledge)	Components (Key Content/ Knowledge)
(Key Content):			
Advent 1		<u>Lent 1</u>	Pentecost 1
To understand the genre of mime and slapstick comedy. To understand how to use the body to explore physical characterisation. To understand how to create devise complex physical drama. To use stimuli as the basis for devising drama. Vocabulary: Using text and improvisation to	To use the body in a range of ways to create and explore physical characterisation. Working collaboratively with peers demonstrating empathy, support and leadership. To understand and be able to create freeze	To understand how situations, develop and how people can react. To develop an understanding of drama techniques. To develop an understanding of structure and character To understanding the importance of group work. To understand and use appropriate drama techniques in a range of situations was work develops. Understand the consequences of actions To develop confidence for a performance To understand the importance of a rehearsal. To learn empathy for others situations.	To understand how to create a response to a stimulus. To understand how to devise a performance. To understand how to be spontaneous and improvise when performing. To demonstrate a clear understanding of 'Role Play' To understand when to use techniques such as still imaging, thought tracking, cross Cutting, marking the Moment and soundscape. To understand how to work with other students when creating a performance. Vocabulary: Using text and improvisation to create a character.







create a character.	To have a good
To understand and have	understanding and
devised mime and	knowledge of Mime and
	slapstick comedy from
To perform a piece of Mime and slapstick	the early 20 th century. To have a clear
theatre.	understanding of the
no understand now to	history of mime and slapstick.
Working collaboratively with peers demonstrating empathy and resilience.	
Understanding of the genre	
Understand more about different dramatic styles.	
To understand stock characters and how to perform in character.	







Advent 2		<u>Lent 2</u>	Pentecost 2
To develop an understanding of the genre. To understand how to turn a story into a piece of drama. To develop different performance styles. To perform a character within the genre. To perform with more confidence. To develop an appropriate relationship with the	lead when working in a variety of groupings. To confidently perform using a range of performance styles. To understand and act on actions and decisions made during a performance.	To be able to work in a variety of groupings. To understand and use appropriate drama techniques. To understand the consequences of actions. To develop confidence for performance. To understand basic rehearsal skills. To understand how situations, develop and how people can react when planning a performance. To understand how to develop a range of drama techniques. To develop an understanding of structure and character.	To become more confident in performing. To understand more about using different techniques to develop a character. To understand and use a scripted extract To understand how to participate in writing a script and understand script conventions. To understand what a script is. To understand how to work in a group when writing a script. To understand and learn more about character development. To understand and use a variety of dramatic techniques.







audience.	stimulus.	provide opportunities for group work	
To understand how to structure an appropriate piece of drama.			
Generic Composite Skills:	HO Composites:	Composite Skills:	Composite Skills:
Self-Confidence Group-	The ability to perform	Skills when taking on a 'character's Life' and how to	Acting skills
Confidence improvisation	with confidence, in	explore dramatic potential of a text.	Directing skills
Characterisation Social Skill	To skillfully learn a script	How to skillfully use poetry in dramatic works. Terminology Drama Terminology Status/Levels skills	Writing skills Devising skills Ability to choose appropriate material and styles of
Evaluation skills Voice projection skills Script work skills when	and demonstrate 'stage' skills. To demonstrate excellent	Live Theatre skills	performance for theatre audiences effectively. Refined and appropriate communication skills Extensive drama terminology and its' usage in practical
reading to a group.		Chillfully use Cound seening theatrical conventions and	and evaluation. Literacy skills. Skills revisited and built on each term.
Skills when 'Line' Learning. Communication skills.	on each term demonstrating	Skills revisited and built on each term. Communication skills	Communication skills







Mime Skills	confidence and belief.	Collaboration skills	Collaboration skills
Acting skills Pronunciation	Communication skills	Co-operation skills	Co-operation skills
Collaboration	Collaboration skills	Problem solving skills	Problem solving skills
Use of stage skills	Co-operation skills	Leadership/direction skills	Leadership/direction skills
Explore in role skills-	Problem solving skills	Critical analysis skills	Critical analysis skills
(performing/responding)	Leadership/direction	Resilience skills	Resilience skills
Collaborate on scripts	' '	Self-awareness skills	Self-awareness skills
(responding)	Critical analysis skills	Creativity skills	Creativity skills
Spoken repertoire (making,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	o. caarra, sams	S. Cathy, Skills
performing, responding)	Resilience skills		
Exploratory drama	Self-awareness skills		
(responding)	Creativity skills		
Evaluate presentations			
(Making, Performing,			
Responding)			
Respond to a play (Making,			
Performing, Responding)			







Final composition/ Deliberate Practice:	Final composition/ Deliberate Practice:	Final composition/ Deliberate Practice
Inspire and challenge pupils, provide opportunities for students to make and understand drama, recognising it as a practical art form in which ideas and meaning are communicated to an audience through choices of form, style and convention.	as a practical art form in which ideas and meaning are communicated to an audience through choices of form,	Inspire and challenge pupils, provide opportunities for students to make and understand drama, recognising it as a practical art form in which ideas and meaning are communicated to an audience through choices of form, style and convention.
Knowledge to be able to develop a range of theatrical skills and apply them to create performance.	Knowledge to be able to develop a range of theatrical skills and apply them to create performance.	Knowledge to be able to develop a range of theatrical skills and apply them to create performance.
Think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of drama.	Think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of drama.	Think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of drama.
Reflect on and evaluate their own work and that of others.	Reflect on and evaluate their own work and that of others.	Reflect on and evaluate their own work and that of others.







Assessment/s (Formative and Summative):		Assessment/s (Formative and Summative):		Assessment/s (Formative and Summative):			Summative):		
Term Dates	Sept/Oct	Nov/Dec	Term Dates	Jan/Feb	Feb/Mar/Apr	Term Dates	Apr/May		June/July
Curriculum content (Ongoing formative assessments. WWW EBI)	Week starting 23-9-24 Week starting 21-10-24	10 11 34	Curriculum content (Ongoing formative assessments)	Week starting 13-1-25 Week starting	Week starting 3-3-25 Week starting	Curriculum content (Ongoing formative assessments)	Week start 28-4-25 Week start	J	Week starting 16-6-25 Week starting
		16-12-24		10-2-25	31-3-25	Assessment	12-5-25 Week start	ing	14-7-25 Week starting
Assessment (Summative assessment. Synoptic Quiz)	Week starting 14-10-24 Week starting 14-10-24	25-11-24	Assessment (Summative assessment. Synoptic Quiz)	Week starting 20-1-25 Week starting	Week starting 10-3-25 Week starting	(Summative assessment. Synoptic Quiz)	5-5-25		30-6-25 (End of year assessment)
		9-12-24		3-2-25	24-3-25	Feedback	Week start	ing	Week starting 7-7-25
Key Term	s: Key	/ Vocabulary:	Key Term	<u>s:</u> <u> </u>	Key Vocabulary:	Key Term	<u>s:</u>	Key	Vocabulary:







Voice	FREEZE FRAME	Rehearsal	FREEZE FRAME	Devising	FREEZE FRAME
1. Clear tone- harsh, soft	FACIAL EXPRESSION	1. Given circumstance is	FACIAL EXPRESSION	1. Spatial awareness	FACIAL EXPRESSION
2. Changes in pitch- high, low	VOICE CONTROL	clear	VOICE CONTROL	2. Use of safety rules at all	VOICE CONTROL
3. Changes in pace-fast, slow	GESTURE	2. Clear beginning to the	GESTURE	times	GESTURE
4. Use of pause- when	MOVEMENT	performance	MOVEMENT	3. Clear entrance and exit-	MOVEMENT
thinking, create tension	DEVISING	3. Clear professional end to	DEVISING	the whole group looks at a	DEVISING
5. Shows hidden meaning-	I	the performance	LEVELS	_	LEVELS
do you mean what you say?	GENRE/STYLE	4. Specific decisions made	GENRE/STYLE	4. Clear sequence of at least	GENRE/STYLE
Movement	ILLILANDAL	about set	REHEARSAL		REHEARSAL
1. Changes in facial		5. Intentions- is your work	MONOLOGUE	Set creates the 'world' of the	MONOLOGUE
expression	IIIIIIII		THRILLER	scene	THRILLER
2. Clear hand gestures	5 G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G	6. Confident sharing ideas	SUSPENSE	Styles	SUSPENSE
Legs- Stance shows intention	REALISIVI	Characterisation	REALISM	1. Slapstick	REALISM
3. Core- Back and Chest show	VOICE	1. Accent	VOICE	2. Naturalistic	VOICE
15	GESTORE	2. Exaggerated facial	GESTURE	3. Theatre in Education	GESTURE
4. Clear difference between	STAINCE		STANCE	4. Physical Theatre	STANCE
each emotion	REACTIONS	3. Stance	REACTIONS	1	REACTIONS
5. Changes in pace	IVIOVEIVIENI	4. Gesture	MOVEMENT	6. Tragedy	MOVEMENT
	ILEVELS	5. Projection of voice	LEVELS	,	LEVELS
		6. Over the top energy 7. Physicality links clearly to	VOICE PROJECTION	·	VOICE PROJECTION
		stock character played		Drama Techniques:	
		Stock character played		1. Narration	
				2. Slow motion- marking	
				3. Moment	
				4. Thought tracking	
				5. Still image	







		6. Flashback/flashforward 7. Soundscape 8. Cross cutting	
Literacy/ Numeracy/ Cross-Curricular Links:	Literacy/ Numeracy/ Cross-Curricular Links:	Literacy/ Numeracy/ Cross-Curricular Links:	
Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	
'IAM poem' students will learn, read and present the	Keywords and scripts.	Keywords and scripts.	
poem to others.			
	Numeracy	Numeracy	
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Warm up games like 'elephant sausage and following	binary.		
instructions.			
Cross-Curricular	Cross-Curricular		
Ci OSS-Cui riculdi	Math's will be the primarycross-curricular subject.		
PSHE- Communication and group work.			







SMSC/ BV/ RSHE:	SMSC/ BV/ RSHE:	SMSC/ BV/ RSHE:
observing work allowing them to appreciate others viewpoint that may challenge their own beliefs. They are encouraged to give appropriate feedback to peers in a	observing work allowing them to appreciate others	Students are encouraged to have an open mind when observing work allowing them to appreciate others viewpoint that may challenge their own beliefs. They are encouraged to give appropriate feedback to peers in a variety of ways, giving justification for their views.
SOCIAL	Pupils are encouraged to communicate with each other in groups and as a class promoting social development. SOCIAL All year groups are given the opportunity to develop	Pupils are encouraged to communicate with each other in groups and as a class promoting social development. SOCIAL All year groups are given the opportunity to develop







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BRITISH VALUES

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Adaptive Curriculum Content		Adaptive Curriculum Content		Adaptive Curriculum Content	
 Clear instructions on PowerPoint Adapted handouts Demo of practical tasks Extra time given during RRR and mid-term assessments Homework adapted The end of topic assessment modified to reflect the topics covered by certain classes and ability levels. 		 Clear instructions on PowerPoint Adapted handouts Demo of practical tasks Extra time given during RRR and mid-term assessments Homework adapted The end of topic assessment modified to reflect the topics covered by certain classes and ability levels. Adaptive Implementation Practices Practices used during each unit of work		 Clear instructions on PowerPoint Adapted handouts Demo of practical tasks Extra time given during RRR and mid-term assessments Homework adapted The end of topic assessment modified to reflect the topics covered by certain classes and ability levels. 	
Differentiated Instruction: Class instructions adapted to meet the needs of students by providing varied materials, activities, and assessments. Scaffolded Instruction: Break smaller, more manageable st support and guidance as stud material.		eps, providing additional quizzes, discussions, and p		-	Pace: Time given to students to organise equipment and resources at their own pace.



