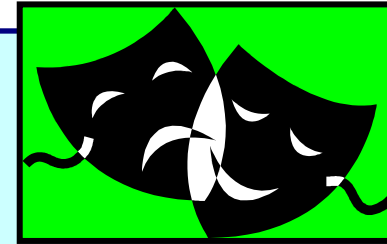


DRAMA



Subject Content

- Students learn how drama is created, including all the acting and staging skills that are needed to put a piece of drama on the stage.
- Students develop improvisation skills and will also look at plays in much more detail, experimenting with different ways of bringing a script to life on stage, rehearsal techniques and approaches to developing a character for performance. Those more interested in the technical aspects of drama (for example set design, sound or lighting) can focus on one of these areas in the Unit 3 examination.

Assessment

Students are regularly assessed through class work and homework. However, the GCSE assessment is as follows:

- Script: six hour exam within lessons experimenting with various rehearsal techniques, plus a written essay (30% of the GCSE).
- Improvisation: six hour exam within lessons acting spontaneously from various stimuli, plus a written essay (30% of the GCSE).
- Performance: devising, rehearsing and performing an original piece of drama. Each student's performance is assessed by an external examiner on the exam day (40% of the GCSE).

Skills Developed

- Acting including movement, facial expression, voice and interaction.
- Improvising.
- Devising.
- Rehearsal techniques.
- Creativity.
- Independent learning.
- Collaboration.
- Evaluation skills.
- Confidence.

Extra Curricular Activities and Clubs

- Students will need to make a commitment to rehearsals after school. This is compulsory in Year 11 Spring term.
- Theatre trips are also a compulsory part of the course.

Differentiation

Due to its practical nature, differentiation in lessons is often by outcome. The class teacher will also adopt a range of strategies according to each student's needs.

Special Requirements

Students must wear PE kit for Drama lessons.

Provision for Gifted and Talented

Gifted and Talented students will be invited to attend additional theatre trips. Also, any relevant workshops/competitions or summer camps will be promoted.

How KS4 Drama builds on work from KS3

During KS3, students were introduced to improvisation, script and performance. KS4 revisits the same content, however in far more depth.

Useful Internet Websites and Other Resources

- Drama working notebook.
- Theatre.
- Theatre reviews (The Guardian / The Times, etc).
- Drama and Theatre Studies library in Room 37.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/drama

www.theatremuseum.org

www.stagework.org.uk

www.theatredesign.org.uk

www.theatrecrafts.com

www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/discover

www.getintotheatre.org