

## Year 9 Drama

	Content Taught	NC Ref	Essential Knowledge	Assessment	Rationale
HT 1 SOCIAL TABOOS	Devising - Students are provided with a stimulus to develop a range of theatrical skills and apply them to create performances.	Develop a range of theatrical skills and apply them to create performances.     Understand the drama and theatre terminology used by theatre makers and how to use it appropriately.     Exploring the form and style of dramatic works.	Students develop essential knowledge of:  How to effectively use a range of stimuli to direct, rehearse and perform an original production. This includes:  Generating ideas for drama work by implementing knowledge of  • split staging, • direct address, • marking the moment, • flashbacks, • thought tracking, narration, • multi-rolling, • freeze frames, • proxemics, • monologue and duologue  • Performance techniques. • Types of stimuli. Responding to a stimulus.	Practical/ theory assessment:  Practical - Bringing together their now enhanced theatrical skills and applying them to stage a performance from a stimulus.  Theory – Knowledge test.  Formative Assessment (FA) includes using daily reviews, weekly reviews to inform future planning. TLAC questioning is also part of our formative assessment approach.	During this unit pupils will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of social taboos/crimes prevalent in society today. Topics are explored via a variety of stimuli using practical skills. This allows students to access KS4 standard both in a practical and theatrical level. This is taught at the start of the year as it allows pupils to explore a range of different topics and gives them an insight as to what KS4 devising is like ready for their options.

HT2	Students will explore a	National Curriculum.	Key focus is to expand on	Summative Assessment	During this unit pupils will
PRACTITIONERS	range of key theatre	- Italiana Garriaana	knowledge on how to create	(SA)	access a wide range of theatre
	practitioners through-out history.	<ul> <li>Develop a range of theatrical skills and apply them to create performances.</li> <li>Understand the drama and theatre terminology used by theatre makers and how to use it appropriately.</li> </ul>	theatre – using a range of styles	` ,	practitioners and styles.
			and conventions from a variety of	Practical/ theory assessment:	Understanding theory and
			theatre practitioners to generate		techniques are key in this unit
			creative and inspiring pieces of		to aid understanding of how
			theatre. Focus is also on how students choose to apply the conventions explored in line with theoretical concepts.  Brecht – Political Theatre,	Practical - Bringing together their gained knowledge and stylistic techniques to stage a	theatre is performed. This unit
					fully prepares students for KS4
					level devising unit. During this unit pupils will identify some
					skills used in previous years,
		Exploring the form and style of dramatic works.		performance in the style	however, will consider the
		diamatic works.	Alienation Effect, Epic Theatre,	of a chosen practitioner.	theory behind them. Pupils
			Episodic/Montage, Fourth Wall,	<b>Theory</b> – Knowledge test.	will look at a range of styles
			Use of Third person, Multi-Rolling, Spass and placards.		that will be explore in KS4
					Drama
				Formative Assessment	
			Frantic Assembly – Physical	(FA) includes using daily	
			Theatre, Chair Duets, Hymn	reviews, weekly reviews	
			Hands, Up, Under and Over.	to inform future	
			Max Stafford Clarke – Off Text	planning. TLAC	
			Improvisation, playing cards-	questioning is also part	
			status exercises.	of our formative	
				assessment approach.	

HT3 and 4	Exploring the techniques	National Curriculum	Students will be able to explore	Summative Assessment	During this unit pupils will
INSPECTOR CALLS	used to write and stage a	Develop a range of theatrical skills	the text identify the importance	(SA)	explore a key text studied at
	"well-made play". Cover the key themes of crime thriller and morality plays.	and apply them to create performances.  • Understand the drama and theatre terminology used by theatre makers and how to use it appropriately.  • Exploring the form and style of dramatic works.	of Stage Directions.		KS4 level Drama.
				Practical/ theory	Understanding the key
			Pupils will be able to use Stanislavski's Given Circumstance to create complex and three- dimensional characters on stage.  To examine the genres the play fits in to	assessment:	themes, plot and characters of
					the text will not only challenge pupils but prepare them for
				Practical -Stage selection	the textual analysis required
				of scenes from Inspector calls bringing together a focusing on character, themes, intention and social issues.	during KS4 Drama. We will also
					entwine this practical element
					such as the techniques of
					naturalistic practitioner
					Stanislavski and the
			To explore the structure of the play and examine the plot features used.	Theory – Knowledge	importance of stage directions
				test.	when staging a play.  This unit fully prepares
					students for KS4 component 1
				Formative Assessment	as well as some core pieces of
			Examine the features used in a play text to develop tension.	(FA) includes using daily	knowledge that will support
				reviews, weekly reviews to inform future	students in the practical
				planning. TLAC	elements of KS4 Drama.
			To examine what the dialogue	questioning is also part	
			reveals about the characters	of our formative	
			within the play and develop	assessment approach.	
			subtext.		
			Evalore and discuss the key		
			Explore and discuss the key themes of the play.		
			themes of the play.		

HT5 MELODRAMA	Students will explore the genre of melodrama and they key elements that make up a Melodrama production.	National Curriculum.  • Develop a range of theatrical skills and apply them to create performances.  • Understand the drama and theatre terminology used by theatre makers and how to use it appropriately.  • Exploring the form and style of dramatic works.	Students will be able to understand what melodrama is including the historical context.  Been introduced to stock characters and developed their performance skills to meet the needs of the stock character.  Interpreted text to suit the needs of melodrama. Performed using the convention of melodrama through the exploration of script work, improvisation and devising.  Been able to respond to their peers work through written and verbal feedback.  Developing Subtext in Melodrama performances.  Students will understand what makes verbal comedy and apply and evaluate how physical comedy is created	Summative Assessment (SA) Practical/ theory assessment: Practical -Pupils will explore the stock characters from Melodrama and its key tropes and bring this knowledge together to apply to a performance. Theory - Knowledge test. Formative Assessment (FA) includes using daily reviews, weekly reviews to inform future planning. TLAC questioning is also part of our formative assessment approach.	During this unit pupils will explore practically a classical style of theatre. Understanding theory and techniques are key in this unit to aid understanding of how theatre is performed in a Melodrama performance. This unit fully prepares students for KS4 level devising unit. During this unit pupils will identify some skills used in previous years, however, will consider the theory behind them. Pupils will look at a range of styles that will be explored in KS4 Drama. Applying their knowledge of the key elements to Melodrama to a performance.
HT6 Macbeth	Macbeth	National Curriculum	Students will develop their knowledge on the text of	Summative Assessment (SA)	During this unit pupils will have the opportunity to read and watch a variety of past

Pupils will explore the text of Macbeth, an English Literature Key text. They will explore plot, characters and themes in a practical manner to gain a sold understanding to aid English knowledge as well as Drama skills.

Develop a range of theatrical skills and apply them to create performances.

- Understand the drama and theatre terminology used by theatre makers and how to use it appropriately.
- Exploring the form and style of dramatic works.

Links to English National Curriculum.

Macbeth, focusing on plot, characters and themes.

Students will explore a variety of performances of Macbeth dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century to present day and assess Shakespeare's work and relevance in today's world.

Students will also explore Aristotle's template of Tragedy and how these fits in Shakespeare's Tragedies also. Rise and fall of the protagonist, Harmatia – tragic flaw and catharsis,

Students will also explore key scenes focusing on off text improvisation, status and intention.

Practical/ theory assessment:

Practical -Stage a select of key scenes from the text of Macbeth and perform bringing altogether the pupils' knowledge and techniques learnt and acquired.

**Theory** – Knowledge test.

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and present forms of Macbeth by focusing on key scenes. Pupils will explore character's motivations taking into consideration parallels to modern day. This unit also allows students to develop their ability to interpret texts from the page to the stage. This is an excellent introduction to gain an understanding of the style of Williams Shakespeare language and the key conventions used in his texts. This scheme is explored at this point in the year to enable pupils who will take Drama KS4 to develop their skills at interpreting texts and for those who do not will gain knowledge for their English KS4.