Curriculum Overview

Subject: Drama

Year Group: 7



In Year 7 students are given the opportunity to develop their basic drama skills and learn how we work in secondary school. Students are introduced to these over a series of lessons; they then develop a practical application of the skills ready for assessment. Schemes of learning are thematic and skills based, to allow them to explore issues and real life problems as well as interpret a theme and stimulus.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
 KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS Basic Drama Skills (facial expression, gesture, body language, proxemics, voice, levels) Physical Theatre (level 1 – using your body to create things) Narration - How to communicate with an audience. How to work with a script and learn lines. Developing teamwork skills and good communication. 	 KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS How to deal with difficult friendships and bullying. Theatre in Education (how theatre is used to educate young people) and the key skills within the style. Historical context of Greek theatre, key Greek theatre skills (chorus, vocal, movement, proxemics) Use of Greek theatre text. 	 KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS Key themes of Romeo and Juliet. Characters, their traits and how this impacts the story. Use of Shakespearian language and how to present it. Characterisation of character. Understanding a full script. Interpreting a character, scene and theme. Working with a text to create own interpretation.
KEY ASSESSMENTS	KEY ASSESSMENTS	KEY ASSESSMENTS
Half term 1: Darkwood Manor (group devised performance)	Half term 1: Friendship Groups and Bullying Half term 2: Greek Theatre	Half term 1: Romeo and Juliet Half term 2: Ernie's Incredible Illucinations
Half term 2: Storytelling – The Gruffalo (group scripted performance) Extended reading suggestions and external resources:		

The Gruffalo film National Theatre Website Drama Online YouTube

Drama Year 7 Assessment Criteria

	Bronze Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum (
Making Skills	I have some response to the stimulus/text which I share with my group. I can work with my group but tend to take direction from others or my teachers. I am mostly focused and on task during rehearsal. I don't always take on rehearsal feedback and make appropriate changes.	I share some good ideas with my group and listen well to the ideas of others. I think creatively about how a stimulus can be interpreted and turned into a performance. I consider what impact the piece will have on the audience. I act on rehearsal feedback and go over sections to make improvements.	I work with my group and always think about the end result. I am consistently focused and share ideas, communicating clearly with my group. I respond to the stimulus in a creative and original way. I consider what I want the audience to think and feel throughout the performance. I act on rehearsal feedback and actively seek to perform the best piece possible.	I work well with my group and support less confident individuals. I am consistently focused on the task and share my ideas with the group with confidence. I work in a collaborative way ensuring that all members of the group are involved and comfortable in their parts. I direct and shape the piece in a considerate way, developing ideas of all members of the group. I am always thinking about the performance intentions (what I want the audience to think/feel/see)
Performing	I can go on stage to play my character and say some dialogue or carry out some action in role. I am not always focused in performance I can express some emotion through my facial expressions, voice and/or movement. I have little contribution to the effectiveness of the piece as a whole. I show a narrow range of skills in performance. My performance isn't always appropriate to the play as a whole.	I demonstrate my character through movement and the 4p's. My use of dialogue and physicality is appropriate to the role. I can express emotion through my use of facial expressions, voice and/or movement with some success. I stay focused throughout the performance with only minor lapses of character/focus. I can perform in a way that engages the audience.	I can creatively apply vocal and/or physical skills to demonstrate character/role in performance to show convincing characters. I can emotionally engage the audience through my characterisation. I demonstrate developed, secure and consistent range of skill in performance. I am confident in performance and stay in role. I have considerable contribution to the effectiveness of the piece.	I demonstrate a highly competent, highly developed and sustained use of voice and/ or movement in line with my character. I have an outstanding contribution to the effectiveness of the piece. My performance is inventive and thoroughly engaging for the audience. My personal interpretation of the character and piece is sensitive and thoughtful. I am completely committed to role and stay fully in character throughout the piece.

Evaluation	I can make basic comments like	I am beginning to justify my	I can justify my comments with	I demonstrate developed skills in
	'it was good' about my own and	comments with examples from	clear examples in a constructive	identifying and investigating how
	my peers work.	the work.	and thoughtful way.	far I have developed my drama
	I use basic terminology when	I use drama terminology in a	I can evaluate with a developed	skills and how they have helped
	describing my work or the	knowledgeable way.	and secure knowledge of skills	throughout the development
	work of others.	I can make basic comments on	and how they are/can be	process and in the final
	I can't explain how my skills have	how my skills have improved	applied to a piece of theatre.	performance.
	developed over the lesson.	over the course of a lesson.	I can use a wide range of drama	I can discuss my own work and
	I can focus more on what I/they	I am beginning to evaluate the	vocabulary when discussing my	that of my peers in a
	did rather than analysing and	effectiveness of a piece giving	own work and that of my peers.	sophisticated way that is
	evaluating the effectiveness.	clear evaluative comments	I can clearly identify and make	constructive and insightful.
		and constructive feedback.	comments on how I have	I use a range of drama vocabulary
			developed my skills over the	when discussing work with
			course of a lesson.	confident understanding.