

Curriculum Information for Parents

Key Stage 3 Drama

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Examination Board	NA	Specification Code	NA

Subject Content

Students have 1 hour of drama weekly and the aim with KS3 is to focus on a balance of Acting and Performance skills as well as key skills that can then be used across the whole school curriculum, developing confidence and self esteem in our students.

Year 7

Term 1

Introduction to drama: Rules of the stage, Stage positioning, Rehearsal structure, Performance structure, Giving feedback, Basic stage skills, Still Image and flashback.

Term 2

History of Theatre: Greek Theatre, Greek Chorus, Greek Myths, Comedy and Tragedy.

Term 3

Comedy: Slapstick comedy, Gross out comedy, Competitive comedy, Stand-up comedy.

Term 4

Roald Dahl: Character building/profile, Conscience Alley, Thought Tracking, Creative performance using stimuli, Hot seating.

Term 5

Shakespeare: Tragedy Genre, Romeo and Juliet Themes, Page to Stage, Performing Shakespeare.

Term 6

Harry Potter: Characterisation, Still Image Combining strategies, Cross cutting/flashback.

Year 8

Term 1

Haunted House: Drama mediums – Lighting and sound, Creating atmosphere and tension, Cliff hanger, Documentary style theatre, Voice and movement.

Term 2

Introduction to Practitioners: Brecht, Stanislavski, Berkoff, Emma Rice

Term 3

Physical Theatre, Physical Theatre, Frantic Assembly, Shadow theatre, Using movement to tell a story

Term 4

Script 'Sparkleshark': Reading a script, Developing characters, Performing from a script.

Term 5

Shakespeare: Comedy Genre, Twelfth Night Themes, Page to Stage, Developing Shakespearian Characters

Term 6

Greatest Showman: Barnum, Themes and Concepts, Musical Theatre Genre

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Assessment Details

Students are assessed in line with PP data deadlines as well as assessed every ½ term.

Assessments are a mix of practical work and written work in line with the EDEXCELL specification, should they choose drama at GCSE.

What can I do to support my child at home?

Encourage your child to read and watch as much live theatre as possible. Encourage them to participate in the schools KS3 Drama Club and any other extra-curricular activities that will help them develop confidence.

Recommended resources for the course:

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