

KS3 Performing Arts

Course Outline for Key Stage 3:

In KS3 Performing Arts, students will explore a range of performance skills: from the use of dramatic techniques and their impact on an audience; to performing extracts of text and movement; to devising their own performance and evaluating live theatre. In lessons students will work practically to understand the role of a performer, dancer, actor, director and designer, whilst continually developing their performance and writing skills.

As well as the subject skills students will also be developing their understanding of working as an ensemble and the importance of collaboration with others. Developing positive working relationships with all of those in their form through learning how to discuss, challenge, build on one another's ideas and establish consensus in a creative environment. The KS3 Performing Arts curriculum gives students the skills to progress within the subject, the opportunity to express themselves creatively, whilst also developing their understanding of building relationships and how to be a positive member in the community.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Topic 1	Introduction to Performing Arts Drama: House on the Hill	Drama: Grim Tales & Surrealism	Drama: Devising Drama
Topic 2	Drama: Into the Woods.		Drama: Noughts & Crosses. Script work
Topic 3	Dance: Olympics & Sport	Dance: Swansong	Dance: 5 Soldiers
Topic 4	Dance: Hip Hop & Street		Dance: Capoeira
Topic 5	Drama: Masks & Physical Theatre	Drama: Improvisation, explorative techniques & Slavery	Drama: DNA. Script work
Topic 6	Drama: Theatre in Education		Performing Arts: Independent Project

Assessment and feedback:

Throughout the units' students will receive verbal feedback on their practical work from which they will improve their performances. Students will also receive feedback on their written work and provided with opportunity to improve this work to develop their written responses.



How parents/carers can help

- Encourage your child to take advantage of enrichment opportunities within the department
- Take your child to the theatre, or watch theatrical performances on TV/online
- Make sure your child spends quality time on their homework
- Watch plays and programmes about theatre with your child. These are on a range of platforms including; BBC2, BBC4 and YouTube
- Watch film versions of the plays we are studying

Points of contact:

- Your child's Drama teacher or
- Mr Dudson – Head of Department – ddudson@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk