

KS3 Drama

Course Outline for Key Stage 3:

In KS3 drama, students will explore a range of dramatic skills: from the use of dramatic techniques and their impact on an audience; to performing extracts of text; to devising their own drama and evaluating live theatre. In lessons students will work practically to understand the role of the actor, director and designer 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 drama 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 member of their form and our school community.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Topic 1	Introduction to Drama	Why Drama?	Exploring Culture and Identity Through Theatre
Topic 2	Drama in Action	Theatre Makers and Youth Theatre	
Topic 3	Page to Stage	Genre and Styles	Shakespeare Then and Now
Topic 4	From Elizabethan Theatre to Today	Shakespeare Then and Now	Theatre for Change
Topic 5	Performance Practise	Performance Practise	
Topic 6	What do I now know about Drama and Theatre?		Theatre in Action

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 often on BBC 2 and BBC4. YouTube has lots of performances available to view
- Watch film versions of plays we are studying

Points of contact:

- Your child's Drama teacher or
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