

## Year 9 - Drama

### What will be studied?

#### Topic(s)

Introduction to Year 9 Drama - A reintroduction into key skills required when creating a performance. Characterisation skills (Vocal and Physical skills), techniques, ensemble work, rehearsal and improvisation.

Mugged - A study of the play 'Mugged' by Andrew Payne. Looking at building dramatic tension in performance. Students will study and work towards a performance of the play, considering the themes.

Mask Exploration - Students will look at the rules of mask and how to use character masks, as well as looking at the history of mask work in Theatre.

Theatre History - A look at different styles and performances through the history of theatre.

Film Project - Students will use their understanding of Drama over the 3 years of study to create their own devised mini film performances.

#### How do you assess the learning?

Students will be assessed on 5 areas in Drama:

Creating/Devising

Rehearsal

Performance

Techniques/Genre/Style

Evaluation

There will be a balance between creative homeworks to enable students to share ideas, use their imagination, develop characterisation, research and prepare for assessment and evaluation.

Assessments will be a combination of group and individual performances, subject knowledge written assessments and SMHW quizzes.

### End of Year Examination

#### How will I be assessed at the end of the year?

There will be a 1 hour written paper. Students will have the opportunity to apply knowledge from the year to develop responses to questions. Practical work will also be taken into consideration for end of year grade

### How can I help my child?

#### Guidance and advice

Use the GCSE website BBC Bitesize to help challenge your theory

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgnv9j6>

Read plays around themes, genres and topics you are interested in. Samuel French has a great selection and they have an enormous selection in their London Store. Equally you can visit the National Theatre Bookshop.

Talk to your teachers to see if they can recommend any play texts for you to read.

Take part in any extracurricular opportunities and clubs that are happening in the department.

Use show my homework to help ensure that all tasks are completed.

Visiting the theatre and watching different styles of performance. Local theatre's include; Lyric Hammersmith, Beck Theatre, Hayes, The Questors Theatre, Acton, Bush Theatre, National Theatre and many more.

Visiting the V & A museum where there is an exhibition about theatre including examples of costume from west end productions.

Join an amateur dramatic drama club/ youth theatre group.

Many theatre's offer youth weeks during school holidays and half terms.

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