

Year 9 - Drama

What will be studied?

Topic(s)

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.

Physical Theatre - Students will explore how to create meaning through movement sequences. Students will begin to understand the work of Frantic Assembly, a physical theatre company that has a focus on movement. Specifically, students will explore chair duets and round-by-through. Students will evaluate how we can tell a story through non-verbal movement and how this is effective in performance.

Introduction to Brecht - Students will explore Epic Theatre, a non-naturalistic, educational form of theatre, specifically focusing on the impact of social media in 2022. Students will create a performance that educates their audience.

Introduction to Stanislavski - Students will explore Naturalism looking at how to create an in depth character and placing themselves in their characters shoes using The System.

Macbeth - Using the styles and genres studied so far, students will look at Macbeth and reimagine it in the style of their choice. Focus on devising and intentions for a performance.

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 exam and a formative practical assessment. Students will have the opportunity to apply knowledge from the year to develop responses to questions.

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, Kiln 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.
