

Year 9 - Drama

What will be studied?

Topic(s)

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.

Introduction to 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.

Mini Project - Students choose from a range of topics studied over the past two years and devise their own performance, developing characters, storylines, and dramatic techniques independently or in small groups. They will apply the skills and methods they have learned, including improvisation, role development, and devising strategies, to create a polished, original piece of theatre.

How do you assess the learning?

Students will be assessed on 4 areas in Drama:

Rehearsal
Performance
Theatre Knowledge
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 evaluation reflections.

End of Year Examination

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

There will be a 1 hour Theatre Knowledge and Evaluation quiz and a 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/examspecs/zkvm2sg>

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 librarian 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 Google Classroom 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.

Join an amateur dramatic drama club/ youth theatre group.

Many theatres offer youth weeks during school holidays and half terms.
