



## What will you learn?

### Topic(s)

**Melodrama** - Students will explore the genres of Melodrama. Students will look at the stock characters found in each genre and explore the key characteristics that make them identifiable. Students will consider what comedy is and how it can be created.

**Mask Work** – Students will explore the rules of mask work and how to use Trestle character masks. They will experiment with physicality, gesture, and expression to bring masked characters to life.

**The Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty** - Students will recap key techniques, performance and rehearsal skills from Year 7 through devising from a play. The play explores themes of bullying and responsibility. Students will use the play to begin considering structuring their devised work, producing a 10 minute performance at the end.

**Dramaturgy - Live Theatre** - Students will consider the different aspects of technical theatre from costume, lighting, sound to set and props/stage furniture using specific vocabulary. Students will reflect upon the meaning behind choices that directors/designers make and what impact this might have on the audience. Students will then be introduced to a production from the National Theatre that will be deconstructed and analysed in lessons together.

## How will you be assessed?

### Overall assessment

Students will be assessed on 4 areas in Drama: Rehearsal, Performance, Theatre Knowledge, Evaluation.

There will be a balance between creative homework 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 quizzes as well as evaluation of their own work.

### End of Year assessment

There will be an 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.



## Which resources should you use?

### Books, websites, online resources, trips and visits

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 theatres 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.

## What independent work can you do?

### Books, websites, online resources

Use the VIP Zone, there you will find:

- An 'Independent Learning' folder full of resources and ideas to support your learning
- PLCs [Personal Learning Checks] - use these to rate your understanding of each topic and to recap and stretch your knowledge and skills.

Start revising. Try some of these to improve your understanding of each lesson and to help you prepare for assessments.

- **Summarise your notes:** Identify the key ideas and essential details. This technique improves understanding and retention by making information clearer and more manageable.



- **Flashcards:** Write key information on cards, don't forget to include an example
- **Mind maps:** Visually organize information by creating diagrams that connect ideas. This helps you see the relationships between topics.
- **Mnemonics:** Use songs, rhymes, or acronyms to help remember facts and figures.
- **Recording and replaying:** Record yourself reading notes and listen back to them.
- **Sticky notes:** Write / draw a key point on each note and place them around your house to help with memorisation.

Watch this: BBC Bitesize [The Best Memory Hacks to Help Your Revision](#)