

Year 8 Drama

Curriculum



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Introduction

Our year 7 Drama Curriculum aims to:

- To ensure an understanding that drama is an exploration of the human condition.
- To build on students' drama skills and knowledge.
- To introduce students to more theatrical practitioners.
- To develop students' critical thinking and analysis skills.
- To foster students' understanding of the role of drama in society and culture.

Curriculum Content:

1. Greek Theatre Tragedy :

- Creating complex characters: Develop more complex characters with depth, nuance, and motivation.
- Physical and vocal characterisation: Explore techniques for physical and vocal characterisation.
- Further exploration of different character types: analyse and explore different character types, such as protagonists, antagonists, and supporting characters.

2. Devised Drama:

- Creating original plays from scratch: Develop original plays based on a variety of themes and ideas.
- Developing scripts and storylines: Create detailed scripts and storylines, including characters, plot, and setting.
- Designing sets and costumes: Design and create sets, costumes, and props for devised pieces.
- Performing devised pieces: Rehearse and perform devised pieces, paying attention to characterization, staging, and technical elements.



3. Shakespearean Tragedy:

- Elizabethan theatre: Explore the history and characteristics of Elizabethan theatre, stagecraft - recreating a thrust stage.
- Exploring the tragedy plays of William Shakespeare.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of Year 8, students will be able to:

- Use a variety of dramatic techniques to create and perform complex characters and stories.
- Work effectively in groups to create and perform original plays.
- Analyse and evaluate their own and others' performances in depth.
- Understand the role of drama in different cultures and historical periods.

Assessment:

- Students will be assessed through a variety of methods, including:
- Performances
- Individual / Group work
- Observations

Resources

- Playscripts
- Improvisation games
- Costumes and props
- Digital resources (e.g. videos, websites)
- Theatre visits/workshops



Evaluation and Review

The curriculum will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness. Feedback from students, teachers, and parents will be considered in the review process.

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Next review: August 2025