

Learning overview for (subject): DRAMA			Year group: 8	
Term	Key topics / scheme of work	What most pupils will learn (Prior assessment may alter starting point & content)	Key skills used	How will this learning be assessed?
Term 1 and 2 (on rotation)	Developing Drama	<ul> <li>Recap of using characterisation and techniques when creating devised work</li> <li>Movement</li> <li>Voice</li> <li>Freeze frame</li> <li>Role play</li> </ul> Introduction and exploration of status in drama. What status is in drama, what affects status and how you can convey it within performance.	Recap application of characterisation and technique in a short, devised piece, and a monologue/duologue. Exploring and applying: movement movement movement characterisation vocal skills eye contact silence choice of language working with others	<ul> <li>Assessment of performances focusing on the following areas:</li> <li>Confidence in performance</li> <li>Characterisation in performance</li> <li>Creativity in the response to the stimuli and application of technique</li> </ul>





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			<ul> <li>Evaluating their own and others' work by developing the use of IDEA</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Introduction of new, more complex techniques</li> <li>Flashback</li> <li>Conscience corridor</li> <li>Split screen</li> <li>Hot seating</li> <li>Externalising the conscience</li> </ul>	Apply characterisation and technique to explore characters in a stimulus scenario.	
		Develop understanding and application of new techniques	Create and develop a structured portrayal of events using characterisation and technique which communicates meaning to an audience.	
Term 3 and 4	Explore the themes, issues	What the keywords and terminology mean relating to the themes, issues and characters in the script.	Applying techniques to create and communicate meaning using: • freeze frame	During rehearsal and performance of scripted





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(on	and characters		thought tracking	scenes pupils will be
rotation)	in a play script	Develop understanding and empathy through exploration of the themes, issues and characters in the script. What a stage direction is, why they are used and how you can identify them.	<ul> <li>direct address</li> <li>Communicating the 5ws (who, where, what, why and when)</li> <li>effectively within a script</li> </ul>	<ul><li>assessed on the following:</li><li>Working with others</li><li>Characterisation</li><li>Confidence in performance</li></ul>
		<ul> <li>How to follow detailed stage directions</li> <li>How to interpret and perform a scene with no stage directions</li> <li>How to use IDEA effectively to evaluate their own and others' work.</li> </ul>		Pupils to complete a self- assessment lesson to reflect upon how their vocal and movement skills have developed as a performer. They will further develop the use of the departments IDEA to help with this.





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				During the performance of
				a scripted scene pupils will
				be assessed on the
				following:
				<ul> <li>Characterisation</li> <li>Confidence in performance</li> <li>Creative use of technique</li> </ul>
Term 5	Explore themes	Introduction of new techniques and strategies and	Applying techniques to explore	During the rehearsal and
and 6 (on	and issues	recap to enable further development of	character thoughts and feelings using:	performance of
rotation)	through the application of	techniques and strategies to include:	freeze frame	a devised scene pupils will
	Drama		<ul><li>thought tracking</li><li>direct address</li></ul>	be assessed on the
	techniques and	<ul><li>Role on the Wall</li><li>Cross cutting</li></ul>		following:
	strategies	<ul><li>Flashback</li><li>Split screen</li><li>Hot seating</li></ul>	Using Role on the Wall and Hot seating to create and build on ideas for character development	<ul> <li>Characterisation</li> <li>Confidence in performance</li> </ul>





How to use IDEA effectively to evaluate their own and others' work.	<ul> <li>Further development of effective scene structure using:</li> <li>Cross cutting</li> <li>Flashback</li> <li>Split screen</li> </ul>	Creative use of technique
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