



Year 8 Drama Curriculum

In Year 8 you will begin to develop the skills required from GCSE Drama students, this means units of study have been designed on the AQA GCSE Specification. Students will devise their own creations, study published play scripts and understand theatre styles and how they have developed throughout history.

You will be working towards being able to complete the following skills:

Groupwork	Contribution, Directing, Supportive, teamwork.	Techniques & Conventions	Skills linked to styles of Drama for impact on audience.
Voice	Projecting appropriate voices for character.	Structure	Plot is planned for intended effect on audience.
Movement	Using body language to express character.	Designer of Semiotics	Using lighting, sound and costume to communicate.
Character	Creating roles that are consistent and communicate.	Analysis & Evaluation	Discuss how drama is constructed and judge its effectiveness.

Groupwork Expectations:

Students must be willing to work with all members of their teaching group, students contribute to a positive and encouraging learning environment, all drama students should feel able to perform confidently in front of their peers.



Sign Up for Auditions for School play or School Musical to perform to a live audience!

Assessment in Drama

- You have one lesson of Drama a week
- You will study a new topic each term
- You will be assessed every Term in Drama
- Students will reflect on their achievements through supporting written analysis and evaluation

Term	Unit of Study	Description
Autumn 1	History of Theatre	Greek to present day, styles and conventions of Drama, social & historical context, influential playwrights.
Autumn 2	Darkwood Manor	Looking at horror genre, soundscape and storytelling with atmosphere.
Spring	Presenting and Performing	A set text study focusing on central themes and issues of the play. Learning lines, directing scenes, Communicating character intention to audience.
Summer	Matilda Melodrama Film Project	Page to stage skills unit applying skills to scripted scenes. Villan, Hero and Damsel sketches recorded and edited with special effects.