

Curriculum Summary Document Year 9 - Drama

Module/Unit of Learning	Taught During	What will students learn?	What enriching opportunities will students engage in?	Links to other Subjects
Powerful Practitioners	Autumn Term 1	Students will learn about four different theatre practitioners, all of whom are key in the development of contemporary theatre. They will begin with Stanislavski and naturalistic theatre, looking at the conventions and expectations of naturalism. They will then learn about Brecht and Epic Theatre, learning about the expected conventions of Brecht's style. Students will then learn about Boal and	Students will explore a number of theatre performances, looking at how live theatre is created in a professional performance environment. Supports Component 1 and 3 of BTEC Performing Arts	
		Forum Theatre, learning how to create theatre that educates and engages. Finally, students will learn how to create physical theatre in the style of Frantic Assembly, and how to use text, movement, music and design as an approach to devising theatre. Students will then have the opportunity to explore a stimulus to create a scene using one of the styles they have explored.		

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Building a Scripted Performance	Autumn Term 2 and Spring Term 1	Students will begin by learning how to work as a professional theatre company, considering the roles required, casting process, and how to create and adapt a rehearsal schedule. As a class they will work with a script to create a longer performance where they will have developed an understanding of rehearsal techniques different roles within the theatre and the importance of staging.	Students will be working in the same manner as a professional theatre company. They will learn how theatre companies function and the many roles required. The final performance will be showcased to	English – Engaging with Script
		Students will develop their understanding of techniques such as direct address,	KS3 drama offering a performance opportunity for year 9	

Pride

Respect

Success

		multirole and chorus and work together to create an ensemble performance. They will then learn a variety of methods to learn lines before applying this knowledge to their performances. As they continue to create a performance as a professional theatre company, they will learn about the role of the actor and how an actor creates exciting, engaging characters. They will finally learn about the performance cycle, including how technical and dress rehearsals lead to a successful theatre production.	and a chance for year 7 and 8 to watch live work. Supports BTEC – Component 2 – Developing Skills in Performing Arts	
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Devising from Stimuli	Spring Term 2 to Summer Term 1	Students will explore stimuli to support the devising process. They will be introduced to a range of different stimuli to explore how theatre can be created. Students will then complete a range of workshops that introduce them to how different professional practitioners create theatre. Students will then have an opportunity to explore how to take an idea through to a performance.	Developing knowledge of how professional theatre practitioners create performance work. Supports BTEC – Component 3 – Responding to a stimuli	
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Exploring the Performing Arts	Summer Term 2	Students will undertake a series of practical workshops exploring Frantic Assembly's style of Physical Theatre. They will learn about their four pillars of theatre – Movement, text, design and music as use these as a basis for performance work. They will complete practical explore Frantic's use of 'building blocks' to create performance work and use these to create short performance scenes. Throughout this unit students will have an opportunity to explore a range Frantic Assembly's professional works including 'Othello', 'Lovesong', 'Things I know to be	This unit forms the start of BTEC: Component 1 – Exploring the Performing Arts Develops an understanding of an arts organisation and how they create professional work.	

true' and 'The curious incident of the dog in the nighttime.'	
We will study these works, thinking about the purpose, stylistic features and qualities, as well as the roles and responsibilities that contribute to successful professional theatre.	