	Drama Curriculum Intent
Years 7 and 8	All elements of Key Stage 3 drama will fully prepare students for GCSE drama and performing arts. Additionally our ultimate aim is to provide a safe environment for pupils who find expressing themselves creatively and publicly challenging. We endeavour to adapt our schemes to encourage pupils to participate and grow in self confidence whilst working in a variety of group types and sizes. In Year 7 Autumn term, students will begin by developing and learning drama skills working on characterisation, spatial relationships, the role of a performer, the role of the audience and staging. Each element will help students develop drama skills and rehearsal techniques. Students will use a stimulus to create a performance using and adding to the skills they have learned, in this scheme they will also consider how they can empathise with other people in situations different to their own. This will be followed by a written element (Theatre Review) which directly correlates with component three of the GCSE.
	In Spring, we will look at theatre styles including mime and naturalism and heightened performance styles whereby students begin to think about refining their skills and developing characters in depth. This will lead into script work in the Summer term where students will understand the features of a script and how to bring these to life in performance. This links directly with the GCSE course and allows students to practice their analytical and evaluative skills of the work of themselves and their peers.
	In Year 8, students will look at theatre genres, branching out from naturalistic performance styles to look at thriller theatre, building upon prior learning of skills and stimulus. The next unit will introduce Pantomime and elements of Musical Theatre to the students, allowing them to explore their options for theatre and performing ahead of choosing their GCSE options. Students will then study a unit on Outsiders and discrimination in society. This work allows students to discuss and explore themes of disability, neuro divergency and historical attitudes towards this through theatre. Having explored a range of theatre styles and techniques, students will complete a devising unit which is the first component completed at GCSE Level. Students will work together to create a performance based on themes and ideas from a given stimulus.
Year 9 Transition Year	Year 9 studies develop transferable skills and foundation knowledge in order to support the transition to KS4 and GCSE studies. Some appropriate GCSE content will be covered from the spring term of Year 9 - this includes some written work tasks, set work study and devising and designing theatre tasks.
Years (9) 10 and 11	KS4 Drama is designed to unlock the use of imagination, intellect, empathy and courage. Through the study of the subject; ideas, responses and feelings can be expressed and communicated and whilst a largely practical subject it is an intellectual discipline requiring academic focus. Students will develop their understanding of both performance and technical theatre elements and be able to analyse and evaluate how these are used to shape ideas. Students will study a range of theatre practitioners styles, understanding the methodologies which they can use to further their own drama.
	Over the course of the 2-year programme, students start by recapping in greater focus the skills they have developed in KS3. In addition they are introduced to the written elements of the GCSE course and how to write analytically, descriptively and evaluatively.
	As they reach the higher years they complete the 3 components required for GCSE Drama. Component 1 is a written examination split into 3 sections. For section a, students are required to have a general knowledge of job roles and responsibilities of certain careers in theatre, different types of staging and information regarding a specific stage map. In section b students are required to study a set text, Blood Brothers by Willy Russell, which they will explore both practically and theoretically. For section c, students watch and review a live theatre performance. Students will apply the knowledge they have gained in Key Stage 3 to analyse the effect of how theatre makers have come together to enhance each other and how drama skills have been used to make a success of the performance.

	Component 2 is a devising unit which requires students to work collaboratively in groups to create a performance with clear artistic intentions using a stimulus as inspiration. Students will complete a written portfolio documenting their devising journey where they will need to demonstrate the processes, experimentation and decisions made for their performances, analysing their use of skills and techniques within their work. This component is internally marked and externally moderated. Component 3 is a scripted unit where students will rehearse and perform 2 extracts from one performance text, demonstrating their understanding of the play, their character and how to portray this in performance. This component is marked by a visiting examiner.
Year 12 and 13	 KS5 Drama is designed to develop and apply an informed, analytical framework for making, performing, interpreting and understanding drama and theatre. It intends to allow students to: understand the place of relevant theoretical research in informing the processes and practices involved in creating theatre and the place of practical exploration in informing theoretical knowledge of drama and theatre develop an understanding and appreciation of how social, cultural and historical contexts of performance texts have influenced the development of drama and theatre understand the practices used in 21st century theatre making experience a range of opportunities to create theatre both published text-based and devised work participate as a theatre maker and as an audience member in live theatre understand and experience the collaborative relationship between various roles within theatre develop and demonstrate a range of theatre making skills develop the creativity and independence to become effective theatre makers andys and evaluate their own work and the work of others.
	have been used to make a success of the performance. Component 2 is a devising unit which requires students to work collaboratively in groups to create a performance with clear artistic intentions using a stimulus and practitioner as inspiration. Students will complete a written portfolio documenting their devising journey where they will need to demonstrate the processes, experimentation and decisions made for their performances, analysing their use of skills and techniques within their work. This component is internally marked and externally moderated.
	Component 3 is a scripted unit where students will workshop two plays and prepare and perform a third extract for an examiner demonstrating the ideas and style of a theatre practitioner. This is accompanied by a working notebook of the process of an actor and the context and ideals of the playwright, in addition to the enhancement given by a suitable practitioner. This component is entirely marked by a visiting examiner.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	 Introduction to Theatre and Drama Understanding the fundamentals of Drama. Exploring a range of drama skills and techniques and how these are used to create practical work Characterisation - applying skills Staging The role of a performer Basic improvisation Basic Plotline Rehearsal and development of work Application of skills to a performance 	 The Party - kindness and considering other lives Exploring a range of drama skills and techniques and how these are used to create practical work Basic mime and narration Using thought tracking to show subtext in developing an audience relationship Creating work from a stimulus (Basic devising) Using empathy to create believable characters Links with unit of work at GCSE level. 	 Physical Theatre 1 Roles of actors considering physical theatre routes. Role of performer (Skills) Responding to direction Characterisation – acting using movement, rhythm and tempo, introducing musicality Ensemble physical work Applying a text to physical theatre work 	 Introduction to Script - Ernie's Incredible Illucinations by Alan Ayckbourn Understand the features and practices of working with a script Creating characters and understanding context. Analysis of scripts and how we interpret them making artistic decisions for performance Understanding a key text in its entirety and planning, rehearsing and performing an extract from within. Evaluating final performance focussing on the decisions made, the intent and the outcome. Links with unit of work at GCSE level. 	 Ruislip Wood Manor Understand different Drama genres - Thrillers Understand elements of devising in a style Selecting appropriate skills for performance. Understanding the context of the genre, typical characters, tension building. Using processes to create drama Considering audience impact 	 Silent Movies Understanding Silent Movies as a style of theatre looking closely at the key conventions with examples from Silent Movie actor Charlie Chaplin. Focus on refining non-verbal skills for storytelling using the rules of mime. Developing a clearer understanding of the audience allowing them to follow storylines and feel involved. Use processes to create drama Develop skills in rehearsal and collaboration.
Year 8	 Thriller/Horror Theatre Understand different Drama genres Understand elements of devising in a style 	Advanced acting skills Exploring a range of advanced drama skills and techniques and how these are used to create practical work	 Musical Theatre Roles of musical theatre performers Role of performer (Skills in Drama, dance & Music - signing) 	 Devils and Witches - devising & script work - The Crucible by Arthur Miller ✤ Following a story as an outline with a focus on building a clear and developed character 	Outsiders & discrimination in society What is it like to be treated differently through drama techniques (still image, thought	 Devising from a stimulus Stimulus types and use - how these are analysed and used to create work

	 Select appropriate skills for performance. Understand the context of the genre, typical characters, tension building. Use processes to create drama 	 Use of stillness and silence Transition skills Using monologue and soliloquy developing subtext and dramatic irony to enhance an audience relationship Creating work from a stimulus (advanced devising) Using empathy to create believable characters Links with unit of work at GCSE level. 	 Responding to direction & choreography Characterisation – acting using movement, acting through song Rhythm and tempo, Musicality Ensemble work Genres of Musicals differences in style Links to BTEC Performing Arts 	 Applying skills and techniques to take on different characters and explore storylines. Types and use of stimulus Research the role of performer Acting skills Practical exploration of ideas 	 track, movement and dialogue) Discussion on viewpoints and opinions of changes in opinions towards disability throughout history. Exploring a range of stimulus from real life scenarios (photographs, newspaper clippings, videos and speeches) Creating work with creative intentions. Developing analysis and evaluation skills throughout the scheme. 	 Exploring ideas and techniques. Personal management skills - collaboration Meaning of work in relation to contextual influences - key themes and dramatic intentions of work. Application of skills to performance Evaluation of final performance.
Year 9	 Advanced skills introduction - devising using the topic 'I don't like Mondays' Creating work from a variety of stimuli Key Content Introducing students to the subject at GCSE/course and specification structure. Develop enthusiasm and confidence in the new class. 	 Topic Introduction to GCSE Drama / Comp 1 Section A (Autumn Term) 'Missing' Play text / Plus performance through Component 3 introduction Cross curricular links include: English analysing and interpreting play texts & Citizenship/pastoral issues due to the subject matter of exploring underage drinking and its consequences. 	 Introduction to design elements, job roles and staging - Component 1 Section A Develop knowledge of theatre roles and staging types (Component 1 Section A) Introduction to practitioners - Stanislavski, Berkoff & Frantic Assembly - Stylised theatre Use Metamorphosis by Berkoff to explore 	 Introduction to the set work Blood Brothers / Component 1 Cross Curricular links include: English - analysing and interpreting play text. History - an exploration of social, historical and political context of England/Liverpool 1960s1980s. Other 'Arts' - sound, set, lighting & costume design. Analyse and explore the key themes of 	 Live Theatre Review / Component 1 Section C (Spring Term) Woman in Black/Curious Incident/A Monster Calls study Students build on verbal evaluative and analytical skills developed at KS3 to review a live piece of theatre through written word. Section B Prior Links Linking KS3 	 Introduction to Component 3 - performance Using practitioners - Stanislavski, Berkoff & Frantic Assembly - to expand piece Understanding process of rehearsal and improvement through refining and critical engagment Assessed: Final Component 3 performances at end of scheme of work. Structured in the same way as

	 Performance and Devising Logs. Future Links: Students will have necessary skills to complete actual Component 2 examination in Spring Term of Year 10. 				 Component 1 Section C. Future Links Foundations for starting GCSE course. Introducing students to mark criteria and performance requirements of Component 3 (Texts in Practice) ready to sit examination in Year 11. 	
Year 10	Component 2 Responding to stimulus - a guide to devising Drama, using practitioner/stylised Drama to influence work, performance skills	 Component 2 - Devised & Log part 1 Teachers give checklist feedback as per examination board limit to feedback for non-examined assessments. 	 Devised & Log Part 2 & 3 Performance of Component 2 & Written NEA completed (30% of final GCSE grade) completed. 	 Component 1 - Revision & retrieval of Section A, B & C Section B focus - Blood Brothers and the Component 1 Section B examination. Section A retrieval Cross curricular links: English analysing and interpreting play text. History exploration of social, historical and political context of England/Liverpool 1960s1980s. Collaboration with other theatre Arts: 	 Continued Component 1 - Revision & retrieval of Section A, B & C Section B focus - Students spent substantial lesson time in Year 9 learning the foundations of Blood Brothers and the Component 1 Section B examination. Section A is referred to in short, retrieval quizzes as a starter every lesson. (Section A multiple choice knowledge was also covered in Year 9.) Cross curricular links: English 	 Component 3 researching & reading suitable plays for performance unit Students explore at least three play texts all completely different styles/genres (Kindertransport, Bouncers, Curious Incident). Assessment: Final Component 3 performances at end of scheme of work. Structured in same way as exam in Year 11 – two extracts performed off text. Marked using exam criteria.

	sound, set, lighting,	analysing and	Future Links:
	costume design.	interpreting play text.	Students will sit the Component 3
	 Continue to explore Blood Brothers 		examination in Year 11 which is worth
	practically with	 History exploration of social, historical 	20% of their GCSE
	frequent reference	and political context of	grade.
	and practice of the 4, 8, 12 and 20	England/Liverpool	
	marker written examination	1960s1980s.	
	questions (with a	 Collaboration with 	
	specific focus on timed examination	other theatre Arts: sound, set, lighting,	
	conditions).	costume design.	
	 Students will have 	 Continue to explore 	
	specific lessons on the social and	Blood Brothers practically with	
	historical context of	frequent reference and practice of the	
	the play and design elements.	4, 8, 12 and 20	
		marker written examination	
	 Assessed by: A 	questions (with a	
	complete Component 1	specific focus on timed examination	
	written examination	conditions).	
	covering Sections A, B and C.	 Students will have 	
	Structured exactly as 40% written	specific lessons on the social and	
	examination will be	historical context of	
	in Year 11.	the play and design elements.	
		Assessed by: A	
		complete Component 1	
		written examination	
		covering Sections A, B and C.	
		Structured exactly	

					as 40% written examination will be in Year 11.	
Year 11	 Texts in Practice / Component 3 (Spring Term) Read plays and make selection of two sections of one text to perform to an examiner. Cross Curricular links with many subjects across the school dependent on 'theme/issue/stimulu s' within the text chosen by each group. Cross curricular links: English analysing and interpreting play text. Cross Curricular links: English analysing and evaluating through written word. 	 Students begin working in their final examination performance groups for Comp 3 from Oct/Nov Revision of Material for Component 1 in preparation for Trial Exams Examination planned for February. Component 3 is 20% of GCSE grade. 	 Component 1 Section A and Section B (Blood Brothers) Live Theatre Review / Component 1 Section C Retrieval of previous skills honed in Y10 Section A multiple choice knowledge was also covered in Year 9+10. Cross curricular links: English - analysing and interpreting play text. History - exploration of social, historical and political context of England/Liverpool 1960s-1980s. Collaboration with other theatre Arts: sound, set, lighting, costume design. 	 Component 1 Exam practice & revision. Component 1 Section A and Section B (Blood Brothers) Live Theatre Review / Component 1 Section C Retrieval of previous skills honed in Y10 Section A multiple choice knowledge was also covered in Year 9+10. Cross curricular links: English - analysing and interpreting play text. History - exploration of social, historical and political context of England/Liverpool 1960s-1980s. Collaboration with other theatre Arts: sound, set, lighting, costume design. 	 Component 1 Exam practice & revision. Component 1 Section A and Section B (Blood Brothers) Live Theatre Review / Component 1 Section C Retrieval of previous skills honed in Y10 Section A multiple choice knowledge was also covered in Year 9+10. Cross curricular links: English - analysing and interpreting play text. History - exploration of social, historical and political context of England/Liverpool 1960s-1980s. Collaboration with other theatre Arts: sound, set, lighting, costume design. 	
Year 12	 ✤ Intro to Drama A-level 	 Studying Antigone by Sophocles 	 Continue to learn design keywords 	 Revision of Live Theatre Evaluation 	 Continue to Study Antigone by Sophocles 	 Focus on Trial/UCAS exam

	 Practitioner focus Creating work with practitioner Introduction to Antigone set work Watch Live Theatre 	 How to prepare to act/direct/design Antigone Learning Ancient Greek Theatre History Practice essay writing Prepare for Component 2 Devised performance 	 Revision of Costume, Lighting, Set design for Our Country's Good Watch Live Theatre & begin Evaluation work Creating & rehearsing devised performance (Component 2) Continuing to write Working Notebook 	 Creating & rehearsing devised performance (Component 2) Continuing to write Working Notebook Perform Component 2 	 How to prepare to act/direct/design Antigone Learning Ancient Greek Theatre History Practice essay writing Continue to learn design keywords Revision of Costume, Lighting, Set design for Our Country's Good Complete Mock Component 1 	 Practice essay writing Continue to learn design keywords Revision of Costume, Lighting, Set design for Our Country's Good Start to prepare for Component 3, read play - TEXT ONE, study context & Playwright Pick section to workshop Write about context and process of approaching text as a Performer
Year 13	 Start to prepare for Component 3, read play - TEXT TWO, study context & Playwright Pick section to workshop Write about context and process of approaching text as a Performer Continue to prepare Component 1 Sec C Theatre Review 	 Start to prepare for Component 3, read play - TEXT THREE, study context & Practitioner Pick section to workshop Research practitioner using books, clips, live theatre, podcasts, interviews Write about context and process of approaching text 	 Rehearse to performance standard of TEXT THREE, including in the style of a practitioner Complete the written report Perform TEXT THREE to an examiner, producing the written report of all three texts studied Continue to prepare 	 Revision: Continue to prepare Component 1 Sec C Theatre Review Revision: Continue to prepare Component 1 Sec B responses for Our Country's Good Revision: Continue to prepare for Trial exams Component 1 Sec A Antigone 	 Revision: Continue to prepare Component 1 Sec C Theatre Review Revision: Continue to prepare Component 1 Sec B responses for Our Country's Good Revision: Continue to prepare for Trial exams Component 1 Sec A Antigone 	

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