









Curriculum Overview for students

What are we learning in Drama in Year 8?



WHEN	MAIN TOPICS	KEY SKILLS	RESOURCES TO HELP ME/ASSESSMENT DETAILS
HALF TERM 1 <i>Style & Genre</i>	<i>Improvisation / Devising Melodrama / Naturalism / Mime Using music as stimulus Historical context</i>	<i>Exploring context Physical / Vocal skills Build on Yr7 skills Group tasks</i>	 Key words/homework Half term assessment: Page: Stage: improvisation performance
HALF TERM 2 <i>Strange Phenomena</i>	<i>Exploration of stimulus/genre Project work activities Practical & Design tasks Ghosts/Fantasy (link Eng)</i>	<i>Group collaboration Responding to project tasks - written / design / practical</i>	 Key words/homework Half term assessment: Page: project tasks Stage: project performance
HALF TERM 3 <i>War Children</i>	<i>Little Soldier - Bernard Ashley War Poetry / War Stories Marking the Moment</i>	<i>Research skills Empathising with others Exploring a play</i>	 Key words/homework Half term assessment: Page: performance of extract Stage: inference of extract
HALF TERM 4 <i>The Storytellers</i>	<i>Dramatising poetry Dystopian Future (link Eng) Narrative through performance</i>	<i>Developing narrative structure Converting textual references Making predictions</i>	 Key words/homework Half term assessment: Page: Stage: improvisation performance
HALF TERM 5 <i>Tension & Conflict</i>	<i>Bullying Familial tension Community conflict Global conflict (link History) Breaking communication barriers</i>	<i>Investigating an issue X-curricular links Use of evidence and opinions</i>	 Key words/homework Half term assessment: Page: writing a monologue Stage: devised performance
HALF TERM 6 <i>Building a Community</i>	<i>Investigate community language Creating a new, imagined community</i>	<i>British Values Exploring historical context (link History)</i>	 Key words/homework Half term assessment: Page: Stage: improvisation performance