

<b>Subject</b>	Drama
<b>Curriculum intent</b>	To engage students in live theatre and to build their confidence with performing. Students are able to build on life skills such as confidence, teamwork and problem solving. Students are able to exercise creativity in a safe space as well as discussing and addressing social, historical, cultural and political issues through performance.
<b>Key Stage 3</b>	<p>Students follow a Threshold Concept curriculum and will gain key and core GCSE skills which are developed over Key Stage 3.</p> <p>The drama curriculum instils a sense of creativity and exploration and is combined with regular peer and self-reflection. Drama is based in a fully equipped black box studio with lighting and sound.</p> <p>Students enjoy a range of challenging modules to master the various skills and forms of drama performance. Mime and mask, devising from texts, epic theatre, physical theatre, pantomime and theatre of the absurd are covered throughout Years 7 and 8, as well as Theatre Review modules based on musicals such as Shrek the Musical and Hairspray.</p> <p>In year 9 students explore deeper topics such as The Hillsborough Disaster and texts like DNA.</p>
<b>Key Stage 4</b>	<p>Students follow the AQA Drama Specification</p> <p><b>Component 1:</b> Written Paper (80 marks – 40% of overall GCSE grade)</p> <p>Made up of 3 sections</p> <p>Section A – 4 Multiple choice questions Section B – Four questions on an extract of a play you have studied (Blood Brothers) Section C – One question on a live theatre production you have seen (Billy Elliot)</p> <p><b>Component 2:</b> Practical work and written coursework (80 marks – 40% of overall GCSE grade)</p> <p>Practical work = 10% (20 marks) - Students devise their own piece of drama in response to a given stimulus Written coursework = 30% (60 marks) - Students will write about the process of creating their piece and evaluate the final performance.</p> <p><b>Component 3:</b> Practical exam (40 marks – 20% of overall GCSE grade)</p> <p>Students will present TWO extracts from ONE play which will be performed to and assessed by an external moderator</p>
<b>Enrichment</b>	<p>Students have the opportunity to take part in annual whole school productions. Past productions have included We Will Rock You, Wizard of Oz and Musical Showcases. Whole school productions allow students to draw skills across music, drama and dance and to experience performing to a live audience.</p> <p>We also offer opportunities for students to see professional productions through regular theatre trips. We will also be offering opportunities for students to take part in professional workshops with performing arts practitioners to develop skills even further.</p>

