-Key Stage 3 Curriculum Excellence

Drama – September 2024 onwards

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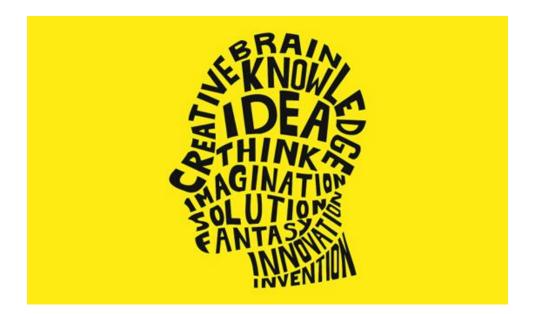
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- 1. The KS3 Curriculum is built-up from KS2 and is based on Age Related Expectations assessed through DOYA. (Deepening, On track, Yet to be on track, At an earlier stage)
- 2. The progression of content and concepts are carefully sequenced in-line with 3-19 CLF Curriculum.

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- 3. The curriculum is our opportunity to inspire children beyond just subject to develop **disciplinary knowledge** that support children to be **successful individuals**, **historians**, **mathematicians**, **geographers**, **musicians**, **authors**, **artist**, **sportspeople**, **scientists**, **writers**, **innovators**, **dreamers**, **magicians**, **positive citizens**...
- 4. The shared curriculum releases teachers to secure learning and progress; empowering experts to collaborate so that we **follow the learning** to **meet needs**.
- 5. The curriculum is designed, developed and evolved by **Curriculum Curators** from across the Trust who ensure that is meeting the needs of all children. We are all **Guardians of the Curriculum**, ensuring that we deliver the *promise of the curriculum* and the *loftier curriculum* goals.
- 6. The curriculum is **progressive**, **sequenced and spiralled** over time. The curriculum provokes children **to have opinions** so that they build a **sense of self and place**, giving them **agency now and into adulthood**.
- 1. The curriculum seeks to study content to **depth** to build understanding and to seek meaning; stretching and challenging children to **have opinions** and develop a sense of self and place.
- 2. The **shared Curriculum** and an ongoing evaluation of the **learnt curriculum** means that teaching is a **precise and purposeful use of time** in the classroom.
- 3. The Age Related Expectations and exemplars are **widely published** to exemplify the expected standard and **enabling wide ownership of the curriculum**
- 4. Vertical strands of oracy, reading, reasoning and writing emphasise the key goals of the curriculum through 3 to 19. Standardisation and moderation support teacher planning to develop these strands.
- 5. Teacher assessment of learning that uses standardised exemplar material to assess attainment against DOYA. (Deepening, On track, Yet to be on track, At an earlier stage)
- 6. Shared on-line MCQ assessments to assess knowledge acquisition, application and understanding. Immediate feedback supports understanding of gaps and re-teaching.
- 7. Teaching supports children to experience desirable difficulty and grapple, using feedback to inform the precise use of modelling, explanations and questioning to secure progress and develop of reading (widely and often), oracy, reasoning and quality of writing.

KS3 Curriculum Subject Vision – Drama



Communicating through performance whilst empowering students to explore the world with empathy, creativity and confidence.

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Statement of Intent

Our curriculum is designed to provide a **layering of skills** over time and encourage the development of the students' critical facility allowing them to progress towards become reflective, independent and self-directing learners and human beings.

The curriculum at KS3 prepares students for KS4 by developing the skills required for performing devised and scripted work and evaluating and analysing their own performance and that of others. The drama experiences of students at KS2 can be vastly different, so the curriculum is designed with the assumption that students may have had no previous experience, but equally with the flexibility to allow students with more experience to flourish.

Essentially, the content of the three year KS3 programme follows a similar pattern in Year 7 and Year 8; using skills to communicate meaning, working with the language of scripts and creating stories through devising. In Year 7, the learning is teacher-led and provides the students with the building blocks required for all dramatic performance, with texts and stimuli chosen for accessibility and maximum engagement. In Year 8, the level of difficulty increases in terms of the stimuli and texts chosen from the canon of dramatic literature. The genres studied require more of a reflection on the wider world. The application of the basic skills and techniques is more precise and assured, and the level of independence expected from the students also increases.

Mastery of the subject emerges over time through the experience of each successive performance. Re-teach happens as an inherent and embedded part of the subject. For example, throughout the rehearsal process, students respond immediately to live feedback to reflect on and refine their performances before their final assessment. While a particular final performance will *not* be explicitly revisited, the skills used in that performance *will be* explicitly revisited in the following project.

We want our students to become creatives who are passionate and enthusiastic but who feel that Drama is enjoyable AND challenging. They will have high expectations of the quality of their work and show that they understand the value of written evaluation and analysis as a way of developing their skills as a performer. We want our students to have a positive attitude towards the subject; an understanding that Drama is not just 'fun' but requires discipline. An understanding of the transferable skills that Drama provides, even for those who haven't opted for the subject at KS4. These skills are for life – building relationships, a sense of place, effective communication and self-agency.

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ARE Descriptors

Year 7					
KS2 Prior Learning	Knowledge and Skills	Understanding	Meaning		
What is the key	What is the key knowledge and skills	What do we want children to build	What is the meaning		
knowledge, skills,	that we want to pass on to children as	through the application of knowledge and	that we want children		
understanding and	ARE in Year 7 that build up from	skills, including key concepts and	to seek by age that		
meaning that	KS2?	misconceptions?	supports their personal		
children bring from			growth?		
the AREs in KS2 in	To a reasonabl e standard, students will:	To a reasonable standard students will:			
this subject?			Students are able to		
Students typically have	Perform in a range of styles.	In rehearsal and development time:	appreciate the power of		
Students typically have performed in a	Evaluate and analyse their work both	Respond to verbal feedback to develop their	language in understanding the		
play/leavers' assembly.	orally and in writing.	work.	human condition.		
	orany and in writing.	Work.	numan condition.		
They may be familiar with basic Drama	Study a range of drama styles including:	Show understanding of different styles of	They will develop the		
games and	Devised Performance	performance.	ability to tell stories that		
improvisation skills	Genres of performance		help them to see the		
but experience will be	Scripted performance	Use subject-specific terminology	world from different		
varied.	Dramatic skills		perspectives.		
varieu.		• Stage positioning terms (including			
Students generally	Study a range of drama techniques	blocking, SL, SR etc.)	They will understand		
have a willingness to	including:	• Obvision and us on skills (no detailed in	that human behaviour		
perform in front of an	Freeze-frame Chan put	 Physical and vocal skills (as detailed in Skills section) 	communicates meaning.		
audience when they	 Step-out Narration 				
reach us in Year 7.	 Narration Stock Characters 	Rehearsal and Development terms			
	 Split-stage 	(such as stimuli, plot structure etc)			
Working in groups or	 Stage configurations 				
teams is likely to have	Stage positioning	In their written work students will:			
been explicitly taught.					

Most will have seen at least one live theatre performance whether at a neighbouring school, professional theatre or via a visiting theatre company.	least one live theatre performance whether at a neighbouring school, professional theatre or via a visitingPhysical Skills • Body language • Gait • Gesture • Mannerism • Energy		 Identify strengths and weakness their own work and that of othe Use subject-specific terminology 	ers.	
	Vocal Sk	ills			
	• Vo	olume			
	Diction				
	• To	one			
		Ye	ar 8		
Year 7 Prior Learning Knowledge and Skills		Knowledge and Skills	Understanding	Meaning	
•		What is the key knowledge and	What do we want children to	What is the meaning that we	
skills, understanding a		skills that we want to pass on to	build through the application	want children to seek by age	
meaning that children		children as ARE in Year 8 that	of knowledge and skills,	that supports their personal	
from the AREs in Year	' / in this	build up from Year 7?	including key concepts and	growth?	
subject?		To a good standard, students	misconceptions?	Students are able to appreciate	
Technique Toolkit:		will:	To a good standard students will:	and master the power of	
How can we use Drama			To a good Standard Stadoms (fini	language in understanding the	
techniques to communic meaning ?	ate	Perform in a range of styles.	In rehearsal and development time:	human condition.	
Evaluate and analyse their work			They will develop the ability to		
L		both orally and in writing.	Respond to verbal feedback to	tell stories that allow them see	
How can we use language to			develop their work.	the world from different	
communicate character	?	Study a range of drama styles including:		perspectives in more challenging	

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Genre:	 Devised Performance Shakespeare Dramatic skills 	Show understanding of different	contexts such including historical
How can we find different ways		styles of performance.	and geographical.
of telling s tories ?		Use subject-specific terminology	They will understand that human
Live Theatre Evaluation: How can we find different ways of telling stories?	Physical Skills Body language Gait Gesture Mannerism Energy Posture Facial expression Vocal Skills Volume Diction Tone Pitch Pace Pause Accent Timing Intonation Emphasis 	 Stage positioning terms (including blocking, SL, SR etc.) Physical and vocal skills (as detailed in Skills section) Rehearsal and Development terms (such as stimuli, plot structure etc) In their written work students will: Identify strengths and weaknesses in their own work and that of others. Use subject-specific terminology. 	behaviour communicates meaning and be able to creatively interpret this through performance.

Year 9

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Year 8 Prior Learning	Knowledge and Skills	Understanding	Meaning
What is the key knowledge,	What is the key knowledge and	What do we want children to	What is the meaning that we
skills, understanding and	skills that we want to pass on to	build through the application	want children to seek by age
meaning that children bring	children as ARE in Year 9 that	of knowledge and skills,	that supports their personal
from the AREs in Year 7 in this	build up from Year 8?	including key concepts and	growth?
subject?		misconceptions?	
	To a secure standard, students		Students are able to appreciate
	will:	To a secure standard students	and master the power of
Vocal Skills:		will:	language in understanding the
How can we use our voice to	Perform in a range of styles.		human condition.
create meaning?		In rehearsal and development	
	Evaluate and analyse their work	time:	They will develop the ability to
Shakespeare:	both orally and in writing.		tell stories that allow them see
How can we take language from		Respond to verbal feedback to	the world from different
the page to the stage?	Study a range of drama styles	develop their work.	perspectives in more challenging
	including:		contexts such including historical
	Devised Performance	Show understanding of different	and geographical.
Devising from Stimuli:	Dramatic skills	styles of performance.	The second state of the se
	Theatrical Conventions from	Use subject-specific terminology	They will understand that human behaviour communicates
Why do we need to tell stories?	Practitioner	Ose subject-specific terminology	
	Use the following performance	Stage positioning terms	meaning and be able to
Evaluation:	Use the following performance skills:	(including blocking, SL, SR	creatively interpret this through performance.
How can we find different ways	SKIIIS.	etc.)	performance.
of telling stories ?	Physical Skills		
of terming stories?	Body language	• Physical and vocal skills (as	
	 Gait 	detailed in Skills section)	
	Gesture		
	Mannerism	• Rehearsal and Development	
	 Energy 	terms (such as stimuli, plot	
	Posture	structure etc)	
	Facial expression		

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Emphasis

Curriculum Skeleton

	Year 7					
ARE Point	Block 1 (Term 1-2)	Block 2 (Terms 3-4)	Block 3 (Term 5)	Block 4 (Term 6)		
Unit Title	<u>Technique Toolkit:</u> How can we use Drama techniques to communicate meaning?	Script and Character: Exploring Diversity (Protected Characteristic) How can we use language to communicate character?	Live Theatre Evaluation- Performance of Choice How can we use written communication to reflect on a theatrical performance?	<u>Genre:</u> (Choice of physical theatre, pantomime, Commedia, absurd etc.) How can we find different ways of telling		
Knowledge and Skills Progress Check	 Drama Techniques Physical Skills Vocal Skills Group Work Skills Improvements 	 Drama Techniques Physical Skills Vocal Skills Group Work Skills Improvements 	 Drama Techniques Physical Skills Vocal Skills Key Terminology Structure 	 Drama Techniques Physical Skills Vocal Skills Group Work Skills Improvements 		
DOYA	Practical assessment Numerical MCQ style based on key terminology	Optional Informal Practical Assessment	Written Assessment- LTR Live Theatre performance of choice. This will be marked out of 15, 5 marks for description, 5 marks for analysis and 5 marks for evaluation.	Optional Informal Practical Assessment		

Year 8				
ARE Point	Block 5 (Terms 1-2)	Block 6 (Terms 3-4)	Block 7(Terms 5-6)	Block 8 (Term 6)
Unit Title	Voice	Scripted Extracts	Written Evaluation	Devising from stimuli:
Unit The	How can we use our	Scripted Extracts	witten Evaluation	3 chosen from the list
	voice to create meaning?	How can we take language from the	How can we use written	below:
		page to the stage?	communication to reflect on their	(Photos, lyrics, songs,
	Exploring a range of		own performance?	props, video, text,
	vocal skills, accents that relate to students (not	This block should include at least three scripts, one of which SHOULD		theme, words etc.)
	allowing stereotypes to	be Shakespeare and the others		Why do we need to tell
	be exploited)	should reflect a different performing		stories?
		style/period/culture.		

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DOYA	Practical Assessment Numerical MCQ (New Listening) style based on key terminology	Informal (not centralised data) Practical assessment which should support the written evaluation in Block 7.	Written assessment of performance of performance completed in Block 6	Optional Practical assessment Written Assessment Data entry

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Year 9					
ARL E Poi nt Uni t Titl e	Drama Common Curriculu Block 9 (Terms 1-2)	m KBlock 10 (Term 3) Set Text: How can we use our vocal and physical skills to communicate character? Free choice of set text. Students should explore one text practically, however it would be useful to DESCRIBE, EXPLAIN &ANALYSE through	Block 11 (Term 4) Section B style questions (Describe, Explain & Analyse) How can we use written communication to reflect our ideas for staging a piece of theatre.	Block 12 (Terms 5) Devising from stimuli: How can we respond to stimuli to create a piece of devised theatre? Free choice of stimuli depending on student personalities and engagement. This can be scaffolded i.e. stimuli, suggested scene foci. Practical exploration or Script writing & performing are both possible options.	(Term 6) Exploration of KS3 Unit How can we build upon the skills accumulated in a previous unit? This free choice unit could focus on devising, scripted work to communicate character, genre or written skills.
	conventions of a Practitioner e.g. Stanislavski, Brecht, Artaud, Berkoff & Frantic Assembly.	oracy tasks to support Block 12.			

Kn owl edg e and Skil ls Pro gres s Che ck	 Drama Techniques Physical Skills Vocal Skills Theatrical Conventions Group Work Skills Improvements 	 Drama Techniques Physical Skills Vocal Skills Group Work Skills Improvements 	 Drama Techniques Physical Skills Vocal Skills Key Terminology Structure 	 Drama Techniques Physical Skills Vocal Skills Group Work Skills Improvements 	 Drama Techniques Physical Skills Vocal Skills Theatrical Conventions Group Work Skills Improvements Key terminology
DO YA	Practical assessment Numerical MCQ style based on key terminology	Optional practical assessment	Written Assessment This should be out of 24 marks, however centres not studying AQA at GCSE are able to adapt their questions to support learners who opt to take	Optional practical assessment	
			KS4 Drama/Performing Arts in other specifications.		

Medium Term Plans

Subject: Drama Unit Title: Technique Toolkit	ARE Point: Block 1
Key Essentials of CONTENT, CONCEPTS and	WHY are children LEARNING this?
TERMINOLOGY:	
	The teacher is there to model techniques, build confidence, guide students in
How can we use Drama techniques to communicate meaning?	being successful with group work.
	Students are going to:
Knowledge and understanding of the basic performance	Develop confidence and communication skills
techniques and skills that will be required throughout the	Learn and develop rehearsal techniques
Drama curriculum.	Learn basic stagecraft
	 Gain control of the building blocks of any performance work
Development of a class dynamic that is productive,	Build teamwork skills
supportive and challenging.	Understand basic performance expectations
Content:	
Weeks 1-5	
Workshops to cover the following techniques:	

Freeze-frame	
Step-out	
Narration	
Mime	
Stock characters & Role play	
Split-stage	
Stage configurations	
Stage positioning	
Weeks 6-7	
Rehearsal period to develop a polished improvisation in	
which students use at least 3 of the taught techniques. The	
topic for these performances are down to the teacher to	
choose	
Weeks 8-9	
Assessment period to allow time for quality final	
performances.	
Week 10	
MCQ style questions on terminology. Questions will set	
centrally, however centres can choose to do this on	
SMHW, FORMS or paper copies if ICT is not available	
Concents:	HOW will the VERTICAL STRANDS of REASONING, ORACY,
Concepts:	READING and WRITING be developed?
Students will understand that human behaviour	READING and WRITING DE developed:
communicates meaning .	

Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific and academic, including agreed definitions):	ORACY: Modelling of verbal feedback applied to verbal communication in performance
Stage positioning: <i>Upstage, Downstage, Stage Left, Stage Right, Centre</i> <i>Stage and combinations of the above.</i>	READING: Understanding of key terms.
Stage configurations : <i>Proscenium arch, end-on, traverse, thrust, in the round, promenade</i>	
Techniques:	
Freeze-frame, Step-out, Narration, Stock characters,	
Split-stage, Stage configurations, Stage positioning	

Subject: Drama	Unit Title: Script and Character		ARE Point: Block 2
Key Essentials:		WHY are children LEARNING	G this?
How can we use language to c character?	ommunicate	The teacher is there to help stude	ents decode text and subtext.
		Students are going to:	
Knowledge and understanding	of the essential	 Develop confidence and skil 	ll in performing to an audience from a script
skills required for a successful	performance		
		 Understand the context and 	subtext of verbal communication
Development of a performance	1		
standard as laid down by the co	onventions of a		
script in practice.			physical and vocal skills that are applicable both in Drama
		and in life	

Students will be given the opportunity to explore	1	
diversity and the protected characteristics through this unit a gravitation on radium (Nouchta &		
this unit e.g. scripted scene on racism (Noughts &		
Crosses)		
Content: Weeks 1-10		
Rehearsal and performance of a scripted piece with		
emphasis on the development of character through		
the use of:		
Physical Skills		
Vocal Skills		
Stage craft		
Concepts:	HOW will ORACY, READING and WRITING be developed? I	
Students are able to appreciate the power of		
performance in understanding the human	ORACY: Modelling of verbal feedback applied to verbal communication in performance.	
condition.		
	READING: Understanding of key terms.	
They will understand that human behaviour		
communicates meaning.		
Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific		
and academic):		
Physical Skills		
Body language, Gait, Gesture, Mannerism,		
Energy, Posture, Facial expression		
Vocal Skills		
Volume, Diction, Tone		
WHAT will PROGRESS look like in this unit?		
Confidence in interpreting a character through a variety of performance skills to a reasonable standard.		
Able to combine and select appropriate skills to crea	te effects suitable to the context of performance.	

Subject: Drama	Unit Title: Live Theatre Evaluation ARE Point: Block 3		ARE Point: Block 3
Key Essentials:		WHY are children LEARNING	this?
How can we find different ways Knowledge and understanding lind Development of written analysis Content: Weeks 1-10 Lessons to introduce students to a	ve performers. skills.	 Whit are conditioned EEARCHING this: The teacher is there to introduce students to live theatre performances and key analysis terminology. Students are going to: Learn how to use written communication to assess how performers use their vocal and physical skills. Understand the variety of styles within the theatrical world. 	
performance.	a meatrical	Onderstand the variety of styles	while the theutreat world.
Explore synopsis & themes Watch a selected scene Identification of key acting skills Practice using writing frames wh analysis and evaluation. Draft a written response using su terminology, analysis and evalua Formal Assessment in timed con The development of literacy skill	ich include bject specific tion ditions	 Students are going to: Develop confidence and sknew ways of expressing th Understand the variety of s Build a bank of performan 	styles within the theatrical world.
Concepts: Students to reflect and use their c skills to analyse and evaluate act theatrical performance.		HOW will ORACY, READING ORACY: Modelling of verbal feed performance.	and WRITING be developed? dback applied to verbal communication in

	READING: Understanding of key terms.	
Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific		
and academic):	WRITING: Use a range of sentence structures as well as key terminology and evaluative	
Physical Skills	language.	
Body language, Gait, Gesture, Mannerism,		
Energy, Posture, Facial expression		
Vocal Skills		
Volume, Diction, Tone		
Stage positioning:		
Upstage, Downstage, Stage Left, Stage Right,		
Centre Stage and combinations of the above.		
WHAT will PROGRESS look like in this unit?		
Confidence in using a variety of key terminology and a range of sentence structures.		

Subject: Drama	Unit Title: Genre		ARE Point: Block 4
Key Essentials:		WHY are children LEARNING this?	I
How can we find different ways of telling Knowledge and understanding of three ge		The teacher is there to introduce students to a performance.	lifferent genres of
Development of a performance to a quality standard as laid down by the conventions of a devised performance. Content: Weeks 1-8		Students are going to: • Develop confidence and skill in performing audience and find new ways of expressing the	

Workshops introduce students to any of the following Genres of performance:	• Understand the variety of styles within the theatrical world.
Physical theatre	
Commedia dell'arte	• Build a bank of performance styles to use in future devised work.
Absurd	
Mime	
Pantomime	
Musical Theatre	
Epic	
Naturalism	
The development of a devised performance in the style of one chosen genre.	
Lesson to introduce students to a theatrical performance.	
Explore synopsis & themes	
Watch a selected scene	
Identification of key acting skills	
Practice using writing frames which include analysis and evaluation.	
Draft a written response using subject specific terminology, analysis and	
evaluation	
Formal Assessment in timed conditions	
The development of literacy skills	
Concepts:	HOW will ORACY, READING and WRITING be developed?
Students are able to move outside their comfort zone by exploring more unusual ways of communicating.	ORACY: Modelling of sentence structure.
nore unusuar ways of communicating.	READING: Understanding of key terms.

Their imaginations will be stretched and their cultural capital will be increased.	
Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific and academic):	
Physical Skills	
Body language, Gait, Gesture, Mannerism, Energy, Posture, Facial expression	
Vocal Skills	
Volume, Diction, Tone	
Stage positioning:	
Upstage, Downstage, Stage Left, Stage Right, Centre Stage and	
combinations of the above.	
WHAT will PROGRESS look like in this unit?	
Confidence in using a variety of performance styles to a reasonable sta Able to combine and select appropriate styles to create effects suitable	

Subject: Drama	Unit Title: Voice		ARE Point: Block 5
Key Essentials:		WHY are children LEARNING	this?
How can we use our voice to cr	eate meaning?		

Knowledge and understanding of how to use the voice to achieve a variety of effects, characters and geographical places. Simplified/scaffolded and edited scripts for EAL/SEND/LAPs	The teacher is there to introduce students to different genres of performance. Students are going to: Develop the ability to control their voice in performance and in everyday life Empathise with characters different from themselves
Try to avoid the exploitation of stereotypes	 Challenge self-consciousness by stepping out of their comfort zone
Content:	
Weeks 1-6	
A number of workshops to teach the following	
vocal skills:	
Revisit Volume, Diction, Tone	
<i>New Pitch, Pace, Pause, Accent (Cockney, RP, American, Northern),</i>	
Timing, Intonation, Emphasis	
Timing, Intonation, Emphasis	
Week 7-8	
Rehearsal period to prepare a polished	
improvisation set in the context of one chosen	
accent and making use of a range of vocal	
techniques.	
Weeks 9-10	
Assessment period to allow time for quality final performances.	
Concepts:	HOW will ORACY, READING and WRITING be developed?
They will understand that human behaviour	
communicates meaning and be able to creatively	ORACY: Modelling of verbal feedback applied to verbal communication in
interpret this through performance.	performance. Manipulation of accent and voice.
Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific	
and academic):	READING: Understanding of key terms.
Revisit Volume, Diction, Tone	

New Pitch, Pace, Pause, Accent (Cockney, RP,	
American, Northern),	
Timing, Intonation, Emphasis	
WHAT will PROGRESS look like in this unit?	
Working towards a sustained and accurate use of voca	d techniques.

Subject: Drama Unit Title: Scripted	Extracts Including Shakespeare ARE Point: Block 6
Key Essentials:	WHY are children LEARNING this?
How can we take language from the page to the stage?	The teacher is there to help students decode text and subtext.
Exposure to a variety of different texts or scenes. Understanding of contemporary and classic theatre texts/characters	Students are going to:Access challenging material and understand the rewards that it can bring.
This block should include at least three scripts, one of which SHOULD be Shakespeare and the others should reflect a different performing style/period/culture. Content:	 Raise students' expectations and aspirations by exposing them to outstanding writing.
 Weeks 1-6 Study of scenes and extracts to familiarise students with language, plot, themes, atmosphere and characters from the plays. Weeks 7-8 Rehearsal period to prepare one of the previously studied scenes for performance. Weeks 9-10 Assessment period to allow time for quality final performances and a short written evaluation of their performance 	
Concepts:	HOW will ORACY, READING and WRITING be developed?

Students are able to appreciate and master the	ORACY Through performance, discussion, verbal feedback
power of performance in understanding the human condition.	READING Translation and interpretation of Elizabethan language
	READE (O Translation and interpretation of Enzabelinan language
They will develop the ability to see the world from	
different perspectives in more challenging contexts	
including historical and geographical.	
Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific	
and academic):	
Theatre roles	
Playwright, Performer, Understudy, Director, Stage	
Manager, Theatre Manager, Sound designer, Set	
designer, Costume designer, Puppet designer,	
Technician	
Elements of playtexts	
Language, plot, themes, atmosphere and characters	

WHAT will PROGRESS look like in this unit?

The ability to perform and deliver lines with understanding and to convey meaning.

The ability to perform as a consistent character.

The ability to use the stage space effectively.

Subject: Drama	Unit Title: Written	Evaluation	ARE Point: Block 7
Key Essentials:		WHY are children LEARNING	this?
How can we respond to our pe	rformances using		
evaluation?		The teacher is there to introduce students to live theatre performances and key analysis terminology.	
Knowledge and understanding	of description,		
explanation, analysis and evaluation	uation.	Students are going to:	
Development of written analys	sis skills.		mmunication to assess how performers use their vocal and acter, relationships and emotions.
Written assessment of perform	ance completed in		
Block 6			
Content: Weeks 1-8			
Lesson to include:			
Reviewing footage of student	performances		
Description of what the performance was about			
Explanation of how acting skill	ls were used to		
convey character, relationships	s and emotions.		
Analysing the impact of perfor	mance skills for the		
audience.			

Practice using writing frames Draft a written response using subject specific terminology, analysis and evaluation	
Redraft	
The development of literacy skills	
Concepts:	HOW will ORACY, READING and WRITING be developed?
Students to reflect and use their critical thinking skills to analyse and evaluate acting skills within a	ORACY: Modelling of sentence structure.
theatrical performance.	READING: Understanding of key terms.
Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific and academic):	WRITING: Use a range of sentence structures as well as key terminology and evaluative language.
Physical Skills Body language, Gait, Gesture, Mannerism, Energy, Posture, Facial expression	
Vocal Skills	
Volume, Diction, Tone	
Stage positioning:	
Upstage, Downstage, Stage Left, Stage Right,	
Centre Stage and combinations of the above.	
WHAT will PROGRESS look like in this unit?	
Confidence in using a variety of key terminology an	d a range of contance structures

Confidence in using a variety of key terminology and a range of sentence structures.

Subject: Drama	Unit Title: Devising	g from s	timuli	ARE Point: Block 8
Key Essentials:		WHY	are children LEARNING	this?
Why do we need to tell stories?		The te	eacher is there to facilitate s	students' work and help shape their performances.
Understanding of the purpose of world	drama in the wider	Stude	nts are going to:	
Knowledge of how to use skills effect	and techniques for	•	Use their previous knowledg	ge and experience to create drama
Development of a performance	that is driven by the	•	Work as a team collaborative	ely
students in form and content		•	Have a clear idea of the purp	pose and audience for their work
Content:				
Students will be introduced to a such as poetry, photographs, music, artw testimony.	C			

Students will be reminded of the range of Toolkit Techniques and Genres of performance.	
Students will choose a theme based on one piece of stimulus and develop a performance using the techniques, skills and genres that they have explored over the past two years.	
Concepts:	HOW will ORACY, READING and WRITING be developed?
Students are able to appreciate and understand how performance can reflect personal/societal/world	ORACY Through performance, discussion, verbal feedback
issues and have an impact on the views of an audience.	READING Exploration of written stimuli and research into chosen themes
They will develop the ability to find purpose in their devised work to convey a message to their audience.	
Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific and academic):	
Vocal Skills Volume, Diction, Tone Pitch, Pace, Pause, Accent,	
Timing, Intonation, Emphasis	
Physical Skills Body language, Gait, Gesture, Mannerism, Energy, Posture, Facial expression	
Stage positioning: <i>Upstage, Downstage, Stage Left, Stage Right, Centre</i> <i>Stage and combinations of the above.</i>	

Techniques:	
Freeze-frame, Step-out, Narration, Stock	
characters, Split-stage, Stage configurations,	
Stage positioning	

WHAT will PROGRESS look like in this unit?

Independent creation of meaningful performance with carefully selected techniques used for particular purpose and effect.

Subject: Drama	Unit Title: Introduction to Practitioners		ARE Point: Block 9 (Terms 1-2)
Key Essentials:		WHY are children LEARNING	this?
Explore the different conventioners	tions of at least 3	The teacher is there to help studen practitioners	ts understand the differing conventions of the
Be able to implement these conventions into performances		Students are going to:Gain an understanding of the	atrical conventions of the practitioners

With this Block, teachers can use a scripted a performance and implement the different theatrical conventions of a Practitioner e.g. Stanislavski, Brecht, Artaud, Berkoff & Frantic Assembly. Content: Weeks 1-6 Independent workshops studying at least 3 different practitioners and their key conventions Weeks 7-8 Rehearsal period to prepare one of the previously studied practitioners for performance Weeks 9-10 Assessment period to allow time for quality final performances.	 Gain an understanding of theatrical genres and styles Broaden their horizon of the theatrical industry
Concepts:	HOW will ORACY, READING and WRITING be developed?
Students are able to appreciate and understand	ORACY Through performance, discussion, verbal feedback
different styles of performance using the key conventions of differing practitioners	READING Translation and interpretation of key conventions
Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific	
and academic): Subtext, emotion memory, slow	
motion, direct address, narration, placard, physical	
theatre	
WHAT will PROGRESS look like in this unit? The ability to perform using the conventions of a cho	sen practitioner

Subject: Drama Unit Title: Devising KS3 Unit Developm	g from stimuli AND Free Choice ARE Point: Block 10 (Terms 3 and 6) nent
Key Essentials:	WHY are children LEARNING this?
Why do we need to tell stories?	The teacher is there to facilitate students' work and help shape their performances.
Understanding of the purpose of drama in the wider world	Students are going to:
Knowledge of how to use skills and techniques for effect	Use their previous knowledge and experience to create drama
Development of a performance that is driven by the students in form and content	Work as a team collaboratively
Free choice of stimuli depending on student personalities and engagement. This can be scaffolded i.e. stimuli, suggested scene foci. Avoid script writing and encourage practical exploration, however SW can be used as a tool for reluctant students in exceptional cases to avoid behavioural issues.	Have a clear idea of the purpose and audience for their work
Content: Students will be introduced to a range of stimuli such as poetry, photographs, music, artwork and personal testimony.	
Students will be reminded of the range of Toolkit Techniques and Genres of performance.	
Students will choose a theme based on one piece of stimulus and develop a performance using the	

techniques, skills and genres that they have explored over the past two years.	
Students will implement their knowledge of various practitioners into their performance.	
Concepts:	HOW will ORACY, READING and WRITING be developed?
Students are able to appreciate and understand how performance can reflect personal/societal/world	ORACY Through performance, discussion, verbal feedback
issues and have an impact on the views of an	
audience. They will develop the ability to find purpose in their	READING Exploration of written stimuli and research into chosen themes
devised work to convey a message to their audience.	
Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific	
and academic):	
Vocal Skills Volume, Diction, Tone Pitch, Pace,	
Pause, Accent, Timing, Intonation, Emphasis	
Physical Skills <i>Body language, Gait, Gesture, Mannerism, Energy,</i>	
Posture, Facial expression	
Stage positioning:	
Upstage, Downstage, Stage Left, Stage Right, Centre	
Stage and combinations of the above.	
Techniques:	
Freeze-frame, Step-out, Narration, Stock	
characters, Split-stage, Stage configurations,	
Stage positioning, slow motion, physical theatre,	

sub text, placards, direct address, emotion	
memory.	

WHAT will PROGRESS look like in this unit?

Independent creation of meaningful performance with carefully selected techniques used for particular purpose and effect.

Subject: Drama	Unit Title: Set Text	t	ARE Point: Block 11 (Term 4)
Key Essentials:		WHY are children LEARNING	S this?
Exposure to a chosen text Exposure to social, cultural, h Understanding of character as		The teacher is there to introduce Students are going to:	students to a selected play text and its themes.
Free choice of set text. Students text practically, however it wou DESCRIBE, EXPLAIN &ANA oracy tasks to support Block 12	ld be useful to LYSE through	 Develop the ability to portra Understand the significance Refining their practical skills 	of social, cultural and historical context
Content: Weeks 1-6			
A number of workshops to teach			
historical context and selected s characters.	cenes and		
Revisit Volume, Diction, Tone, I	Pitch, Pace, Pause,		
Accent, Timing, Intonation, Emphasis			
Physical Skills			
Body language, Gait, Gesture, l Posture, Facial expression	Mannerism, Energy,		
Week 7-8			
Rehearsal period to prepare a po of selected scene	olished performance		
Weeks 9-10			

Assessment period to allow time for quality final performances.	
Concepts: They will understand that human behaviour communicates meaning and be able to creatively interpret this through performance.	 HOW will ORACY, READING and WRITING be developed? ORACY: Modelling of verbal feedback applied to verbal communication in performance. Manipulation of accent and voice. READING: Understanding of key terms.
Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific and academic): <i>Revisit Volume, Diction, Tone Pitch, Pace, Pause,</i> <i>Accent ,Timing, Intonation, Emphasis</i>	
Physical Skills Body language, Gait, Gesture, Mannerism, Energy, Posture, Facial expression	
WHAT will PROGRESS look like in this unit? Working towards a polished and sustained performan	nce.

Subject: Drama	Unit Title: Section I	3 style questions (Describe,	ARE Point: Block 12 (Term 5)
	Explain & Analyse)		
Key Essentials: How can we find different way	vs of telling stories?	WHY are children LEARNING	this?
Knowledge and understanding performance and design skills.	11 •	The teacher is there to introduce s terminology. Students are going to:	tudents to live theatre performances and key analysis
Development of written analys This should be out of 24 marks not studying AQA at GCSE ar questions to support learners w Drama/Performing Arts in othe	s, however centres e able to adapt their ho opt to take KS4	 Learn how to use written con physical skills. 	nmunication to assess how performers use their vocal and des within the theatrical world.
Content: Weeks 1-8 Lesson 1-Explore how to answ on costume design. Students to theoretically explore this.	-		

Lesson 2- Explore how to answer a 4-mark question on set design. Students to practically and theoretically explore this.	
Lesson 3-Explore how to answer a 4-mark question on lighting design. Students to theoretically explore this (as well as practically explore if the facilities allow).	
Lesson 4-Explore how to answer an 8-mark question on how to use performance skills to deliver a line of dialogue. Students to practically and theoretically explore this.	
Lesson 5-Explore how to practically answer a 12- mark question using a given shaded extract which students are to perform considering how they would use their performance skills to create an effect.	
Lesson 6 & 7-Students to complete all questions in a timed condition based on a chosen extract from their set text.	
Lesson 8-Reflection & Redrafting	
Lesson 6- Explore how to use written communication to articulate how they would use their performance skills to create an effect. (12 marks)	

The development of literacy skills		
Concepts:	HOW will ORACY, READING and WRITING be developed?	
Students to reflect and use their critical thinking	ORACY: Modelling of sentence structure.	
skills to analyse and evaluate acting skills within a theatrical performance.	READING: Understanding of key terms.	
Terminology and Vocabulary (subject specific and academic):	WRITING: Use a range of sentence structures as well as key terminology and evaluative language.	
Physical Skills		
Body language, Gait, Gesture, Mannerism, Energy, Posture, Facial expression		
Vocal Skills Volume, Diction, Tone		
Stage positioning:		
Upstage, Downstage, Stage Left, Stage Right, Centre Stage and combinations of the above.		
WHAT will PROGRESS look like in this unit?		
Confidence in using a variety of key terminology and a range of sentence structures.		

DOYA Exemplification

- Deepening (D): describes a child who has reached the year group expectation and is now taking this deeper into more abstract work. These children are following their passion within a broad curriculum that inspires the full range of attainment and interest.
- On track/Working at current age related expectation (O): describes a child who is working at the age related expectation and fulfils all the descriptors.
- Yet to be on track (Y): describes a child who shows some working at age related expectations by fulfilling some of the descriptors, but is not yet on track to achieve all of them.
- At an earlier stage in their learning journey (A): describes a child who working at a level below the age related expectation, typically around a year behind.

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