# **SUBJECT: Drama**

# **Key Stage 3 Curriculum:**

2019-20	Year 7	Year 8
Autumn 1	Topic: <u>Darkwood Manor</u>	Topic: Lulu the Runaway
	Essential Question:	Essential Question:
	How can we create a successful character?	How can we use rehearsal techniques to develop characters?
	Investigating how to use:	
		Investigating how to use:
	Body language	Facts to develop a story
	Facial expressions	Hot-seating
	Movement	Thought tunnels
	Tone of voice	Magic If
	Hand gestures	Given circumstances
	This topic will help students explore characterisation for the first time, allowing students to understand what makes a character as well as how showing these characters on stage. The <b>social element</b> to this topic is to make students aware of the dangers of roaming in abandoned houses and the consequence of lying to parents.	Within this topic students are introduced to Drama practitioners for the first time. Stanislavski introduced rehearsal techniques to improve quality performances so students will learn to use these techniques to help them get to know their characters and make them more truthful for the audience.  The <b>social</b> context of this topic is to explore the effects of children running away.
Autumn 2	Topic: Wacky Soap	Topic: <u>Too Much Punch for Judy</u>
	Essential Question:	Essential Question:
		How can we use scripts to help create theatre?

	How do we use performance to promote making good decisions?	
		Investigating how to use:
	Investigating how to use the following techniques:	Narrative
	Thought tracking Choral speaking Split scene Synchronised movement	Plot twists Music in performances Props Setting a scene
	This topic will help students continue their exploration on how to build characters and perform these on stage, as well as learning new techniques. This will be the first time students have been introduced to these techniques and applying them to their performance. The <b>social</b> content to this topic includes the students investigating the dangers of drug taking and understanding the effects these have on you.	Within this topic based on Students are different pages of the verbatim script which tells the dangers of drink driving. Students will be looking at building an atmosphere with using script as well as theatrical conventions.  The <b>social</b> context is for students to understand the implications of drink driving.
Spring 1	Topic: : It was Terrifying	Topic: The London Riots
	Essential Question: How do we explore different social situations through performance?	Essential Question: How do we infuse techniques within scripts to create an audience worthy performance?
	Investigate how to use the following communication techniques:	Investigating how to use: Symbolism
	Proxemics	Chair duets
	Eye contact	Consequence of actions
	Status	Contrasting characters
	Audience involvement	
	Creating an atmosphere	

Students are introduced to the foundations of interacting with the audience and using symbols and motifs to give audience information about the characters and their relationships on stage. There is another **social** theme with the content of the performance as students are asked to look at a short story based on a student starting a new school.

Students will look at more complex techniques, getting introduced to theatre company Frantic Assembly and their famous chair duets. By using these techniques, students are getting more technical in their ability and learning how to take their performances towards GCSE standard. The **social** element within this topic is looking at both why the riots of 2011 started and what happened to some of the looters as a consequence.

## Spring 2 Topic: **Greenal/Graynal**

#### **Essential Question:**

How can we use performance as a tool to debate and discuss what's happening around us?

#### **Investigating how to use:**

Body language Facial expressions Movement Tone of voice Hand gestures

Within this topic, it is the second time students will be focusing on not only how they build a character, but how they show their character to the audience and the effect on the audience this may have. The **social** content to the topic is the exploration of climate change and the environment around us.

#### Topic: Mask work

#### **Essential Question:**

How do we use Masks within performance?

## Investigating how to use:

Stock characters Music to create atmosphere Sound effects/sound scape Levels to show status

Within this topic students will look at the conventions of using mask in performance – students will each have their own masks for the topic and learn the rules of mask, as well as the difficulties when using mask.

Summer 1	Topic: The Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty	Topic: Arson About
	Essential Question:	Essential Question:
	How do we use techniques to develop scripts?	How do we create realistic characters using scripts?
	Investigating how to use the following techniques and	Investigating how to use:
	characterisation within a script:	Circle of attention
	Performing with a script	Backstory
	Narration	Objective
	Essence machine	Subtext
	Flash forward	Super-objective
	Cross cutting	
		Along with characterisation skills:
	Along with characterisation skills:	
		Body language
	Body language	Facial expressions
	Facial expressions	Movement
	Movement	Tone of voice
	Tone of voice	Hand gestures
	Hand gestures	
	For this final topic, students will use a complete script for the first time, therefore linking directly with both the GCSE and BTEC Drama. The students will work on the same script for the whole term so they can complete the play and get used to reading and analysing the play within discussion alike to GCSE English.  The <b>social</b> content is liked to exploring the terrible impact of bullying and peer pressure.	Within this topic students will be working on the same script for the whole term in order for them to get used to working with scripts for both GCSE/BTEC units as well as English GCSE.  The <b>social</b> element within this topic is to explore the effects of arson and the repercussions that can cause for all involved.

#### Summer 2

**Topic: The Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty** 

#### **Essential Question:**

How do we use techniques to develop scripts?

# Investigating how to use the following techniques and characterisation within a script:

Performing with a script

Narration

Essence machine

Flash forward

**Cross cutting** 

#### Along with characterisation skills:

Body language Facial expressions Movement Tone of voice Hand gestures

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The **social** content is liked to exploring the terrible impact of bullying and peer pressure.

## Topic: **Arson About**

#### **Essential Question:**

How do we create realistic characters using scripts?

### Investigating how to use:

Circle of attention

**Backstory** 

Objective

Subtext

Super-objective

## Along with characterisation skills:

Body language

Facial expressions

Movement

Tone of voice

Hand gestures

Within this topic students will be working on the same script for the whole term in order for them to get used to working with scripts for both GCSE/BTEC units as well as English GCSE.

The **social** element within this topic is to explore the effects of arson and the repercussions that can cause for all involved.

# **Key Stage 4 Curriculum:**

2019-20	Year9	Year 10	Year 11
2019-20 Autumn 1	Year9  Topic: Responding to a brief (component 3)  Essential Question: How do we respond successfully to a piece of stimuli?  Investigating how to use:  Understand how to respond to a brief Select and develop skills and techniques in response to a brief Apply skills and techniques in a workshop performance in response to a brief  Evaluate the development process and outcome in response to a brief  Within this unit, students will be working on their original performance which they have created from a stimuli. Students work will be constantly reviewed at milestones so students have a different foci per milestone	Topic: Developing skills and techniques within the Performing Arts (component 2)  Essential Question: How do we add in techniques to a scripted performance?  Investigating how to use: Develop skills and techniques for performance Apply skills and techniques in rehearsal and performance Review own development and contribution to the performance  Students will put in all the skills they have previously learnt to a scripted performance. Students will have an edited script which they will have to add their own style, form and structure to make it more interesting for their audience.	Topic: Devising  Essential Question: How can we devise a performance which communicates aims to the audience?  Investigating how to use: Style Form Characterisation Language structure  Within this unit, students will be working on their original performance which they have created from three stimuli's. Students work will be constantly reviewed at milestones so students have a different foci per milestone and relating to their coursework questions.
Autumn 2	and relating to their coursework questions.  Topic: Responding to a brief (component 3)  Essential Question: How do we respond successfully to a piece of stimuli?	Topic: Developing skills and techniques within the Performing Arts (component 2)  Essential Question: How do we add in techniques to a scripted performance?	Topic: <u>Devising</u> Essential Question: How can we devise a performance which communicates aims to the audience?

#### Investigating how to use:

Understand how to respond to a brief Select and develop skills and techniques in response to a brief Apply skills and techniques in a workshop performance in response to a brief Evaluate the development process and outcome in response to a brief

Within this unit, students will be working on their original performance which they have created from a stimuli. Students work will be constantly reviewed at milestones so students have a different foci per milestone and relating to their coursework questions.

### Investigating how to use:

Develop skills and techniques for performance
Apply skills and techniques in rehearsal and performance Review own development and contribution to the performance

Students will put in all the skills they have previously learnt to a scripted performance. Students will have an edited script which they will have to add their own style, form and structure to make it more interesting for their audience.

#### Investigating how to use:

Style Form Characterisation Language structure

Within this unit, students will be working on their original performance which they have created from three stimuli's. Students work will be constantly reviewed at milestones so students have a different foci per milestone and relating to their coursework questions.

#### Spring 1

# Topic: Exploring the Performing Arts (component 1)

### **Essential Question:**

How do we research and explore different Practitioners?

### Investigating how to use:

Examine professional practitioners' performance work

# Topic: Responding to a brief (component 3)

#### **Essential Question:**

How do we respond successfully to a piece of stimuli?

### Investigating how to use:

Understand how to respond to a brief Select and develop skills and techniques in response to a brief Apply skills and

# Topic Performance from a Text

#### **Essential Question:**

How can we produce a performance which shows our skills through text?

### Investigating how to use:

Themes, issues, performance conventions stage directions

	Explore the interrelationships between constituent features of existing performance material.	techniques in a workshop performance in response to a brief Evaluate the development process and outcome in response to a brief	character relationships Character development.
	Students will research and explore different practitioners and styles for their report. Students will be expected to see live theatre to help put the practitioners work in context	Within this unit, students will be working on their original performance which they have created from a stimuli. Students work will be constantly reviewed at milestones so students have a different foci per milestone and relating to their coursework questions.	Students will be put into small groups/pairs to produce a performance from script. The students will have to understand the context of the performance for a successful production.
Spring 2	Topic: Exploring the Performing Arts	Topic: Responding to a brief (component 3)	Topic: Performance from a Text
	(component 1)		
		Essential Question:	Essential Question:
	Essential Question:	How do we respond successfully to a piece	How can we produce a performance which
	How do we research and explore different Practitioners?	of stimuli?	shows our skills through text?
		Investigating how to use:	Investigating how to use:
	Investigating how to use:		Themes,
	Examine professional practitioners'	Understand how to respond to a brief	issues,
	performance work	Select and develop skills and techniques in	performance conventions
	Explore the interrelationships between	response to a brief Apply skills and	stage directions
	constituent features of existing performance	techniques in a workshop performance in	character relationships
	material.	response to a brief	Character development.
		Evaluate the development process and	
		outcome in response to a brief	
	Students will research and explore different		Students will be put into small groups/pairs
	practitioners and styles for their report.	Within this unit, students will be working on	to produce a performance from script. The
	Students will be expected to see live theatre	their original performance which they have	students will have to understand the
	to help put the practitioners work in context	created from a stimuli. Students work will be constantly reviewed at milestones so	context of the performance for a successful production.

		students have a different foci per milestone and relating to their coursework questions.	
Summer 1	Topic: <u>Developing skills and techniques</u> within the Performing Arts (component 2)	Topic: Exploring the Performing Arts (component 1)	Topic: Theatre Makers in Practice
	within the Ferrorining 74 to (component 2)	(component 1)	Essential Question:
	Essential Question:	Essential Question:	How can we analyse text and live theatre to
	How do we add in techniques to a scripted performance?	How do we research and explore different Practitioners?	understand Drama?
	'		Investigating how to use:
	Investigating how to use:  Develop skills and techniques for performance	Investigating how to use: Examine professional practitioners' performance work	Acting style and purpose, including vocal and physical skills Set and props, including stage furniture and
	Apply skills and techniques in rehearsal and	Explore the interrelationships between	personal props
	performance Review own development and contribution to the performance	constituent features of existing performance material.	Lighting and sound, including colour and music
	·		Costume, makeup and masks as
	Students will put in all the skills they have		appropriate.
	previously learnt to a scripted performance. Students will have an edited script which	Students will research and explore different practitioners and styles for their report.	
	they will have to add their own style, form	Students will be expected to see live theatre	Students will be prepared for their GCSE
	and structure to make it more interesting for their audience.	to help put the practitioners work in context.	final written exam on analysing a live performance and the set text 'An Inspector Calls'.
Summer 2	Topic: Choreography and media	Topic: Exploring the Performing Arts	Topic: Theatre Makers in Practice
	Duet/trio choreography, creating and	(component 1)	Essential Question:
	performing. Students will develop a	Essential Question:	How can we analyse text and live theatre to
	performance in a site sensitive space using	How do we research and explore different	understand Drama?
	the skills developed in the previous half	Practitioners?	
			Investigating how to use:

term. They will choreograph, video and edit Investigating how to use: Acting style and purpose, including vocal an on-screen performance. Examine professional practitioners' and physical skills performance work Set and props, including stage furniture and More developed choreography created by Explore the interrelationships between personal props students in a site sensitive space. constituent features of existing performance Lighting and sound, including colour and material. music Costume, makeup and masks as appropriate. Students will research and explore different practitioners and styles for their report. Students will be expected to see live theatre Students will be prepared for their GCSE to help put the practitioners work in context. final written exam on analysing a live performance and the set text 'An Inspector Calls'.

# **Key Stage 5 Curriculum:**

2019-20	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Topic: Developing skills and techniques for live performance (unit 2)	Topic: Acting Skills (Unit 19)
	<u> </u>	Essential Question:
	Essential Question:	How can we show our acting skills in a performance?
	How can we develop our skills and techniques for live performance?	
		Investigating how to use:
	Investigating how to use:	Understand acting styles and techniques for performance Develop acting
	Understanding of contextual factors that influence work of	styles, skills and techniques for performance Apply acting styles, skills
	performing arts practitioners.	and techniques in rehearsal and performance
	Apply knowledge of how contextual factors influence the creative intentions and themes of performing arts practitioners	Review personal development and own performance.
		Students will use all of their acting skills which they have learnt from year
	Students will understand how to produce a performance which is influenced by their chosen practitioner. Students will be introduced to their practitioners techniques and apply these to the play.	7 and apply them to this final acting performance, students will perform a performance which is influenced by different theatre practitioner and perform in their style.
	Practitioners- Merce Cunningham, Martha Graham, Jose Limon, Matthew Bourne.	
Autumn 2	Topic: Developing skills and techniques for live performance	Topic Acting Skills (Unit 19)
	(unit 2)	
		Essential Question:
	Essential Question:	How can we show our acting skills in a performance?
	How can we develop our skills and techniques for live	
	performance?	Investigating how to use
	Investigating how to use:	Investigating how to use:
	investigating now to use.	

Spring 2	Topic: Investigating Practitioners Work (Unit 1)	Topic: Group Performance Workshop (Unit 3)
	Students will prepare for their final BTEC AS written exam, while studying the different practitioner's, students will get a wide range of understanding of the world of Drama. Students will investigate different plays from the practitioners, with all plays having social themes from War, to the elderly.	Apply personal management and collaborative skills to a group performance workshop process  Apply performance skills to communicate creative intentions during performance workshop  Student will produce a performance based on the stimuli provided by the exam board released in January. Students will create the performance based on their chosen target audience.
	Essential Question: How can we analyse theatre practitioners? Investigating how to use: Understanding of contextual factors that influence work of performing arts practitioners. Apply knowledge of how contextual factors influence the creative intentions and themes of performing arts practitioners.	Essential Question: How can we produce a performance for a target audience? Investigating how to use: Understand how to interpret and respond to stimulus for a group performance Develop and realise creative ideas for a group performance in response to stimulus  Apply personal management and collaborative skills to a group
pring 1	Topic: Investigating Practitioners Work (Unit 1)	Group Performance Workshop (Unit 3)
	intentions and themes of performing arts practitioners  Students will understand how to produce a performance which is influenced by their chosen practitioner. Students will be introduced to their practitioners techniques and apply these to the play.	Review personal development and own performance.  Students will use all of their acting skills which they have learnt from yea 7 and apply them to this final acting performance, students will perform a performance which is influenced by different theatre practitioner and perform in their style.
	Understanding of contextual factors that influence work of performing arts practitioners.  Apply knowledge of how contextual factors influence the creative	Understand acting styles and techniques for performance Develop acting styles, skills and techniques for performance Apply acting styles, skills and techniques in rehearsal and performance

	Essential Question: How can we analyse theatre practitioners?	Essential Question: How can we produce a performance for a target audience?
	Investigating how to use: Understanding of contextual factors that influence work of performing arts practitioners. Apply knowledge of how contextual factors influence the creative intentions and themes of performing arts practitioners.  Students will prepare for their final BTEC AS written exam, while studying the different practitioner's, students will get a wide range of understanding of the world of Drama. Students will investigate different plays from the practitioners, with all plays having social themes from War, to the elderly.	Investigating how to use: Understand how to interpret and respond to stimulus for a group performance Develop and realise creative ideas for a group performance in response to stimulus Apply personal management and collaborative skills to a group performance workshop process Apply performance skills to communicate creative intentions during performance workshop  Student will produce a performance based on the stimuli provided by the exam board released in January. Students will create the performance based on their chosen target audience.
Summer 1	Topic: Finish Investigating Practitioners Work	Year 13 will leave by May.
Summer 2	Topic: Start Year 13  Acting Skills (Unit 19)	
	Essential Question: How can we show our acting skills in a performance?  Investigating how to use: Understand acting styles and techniques for performance Develop acting styles, skills and techniques for performance Apply acting styles, skills and techniques in rehearsal and performance	

Review personal development and own performance.	
Students will use all of their acting skills which they have learnt from year 7 and apply them to this final acting performance, students will perform a performance which is influenced by different theatre practitioner and perform in their style.	