# **KS3 Drama**

# **Curriculum Overview 2021-2022**

Core intent of the subject at key stage 3

We believe that students deserve a broad, balanced and ambitious Drama curriculum, rich in skills and knowledge, which immerses students in a range of styles. Drama is an important component in educating a well rounded individual, giving essential opportunities for growth and challenge beyond the mere subject content. The Drama Department has a firm philosophy founded on preparing the minds of young people to cope with the outside world as well as educating students about theatre and its history and developing their SMSC.

Every pupil is entitled to work creatively and explore areas that interest them, both 'in' and 'through' the medium of Drama are vital to SMSC and subject that is accessible to all. The drama curriculum is spiral in nature; essential drama and social skills are built into the curriculum. Pupils have the right to express themselves, be creative and be given the opportunity for play whilst working to achievable and tailored goals - Drama gives these opportunities in a safe, encouraging environment. The future of the children we are educating now is uncertain and challenging. The greatest skills we can give them is the ability to achieve whilst harnessing their own creativity, whilst communicating this with others in order to become independent learners and thinkers. Drama helps pupils to improve peer relationships, confidence and resilience. All of this is in addition to giving them the tools they need to continue to enjoy, through participation or appreciation, their rich Dramatic heritage throughout the rest of their lives as part of their life-long learning.

The curriculum will encourage students to become confident and independent thinkers, who will be able to take on challenging opportunities to create original work and critically analyse professional and non-professional repertoire. Students will have an appreciation of their own work and that of others, always demonstrating respect and empathy.

Students at Brine Leas will explore their creativity through a variety of styles, themes and topics. Students will become confident and independent thinkers and strong communicators. They will participate in an engaging and motivational practical curriculum that supports their personal development alongside the development of new acting skills, as well nurturing existing talent.

- This means:
  - > They will study a range of practitioners, plays and styles of theatre, in order to develop their practical and theoretical understanding of Drama.
  - > Through verbal and written evaluations, they will confidently articulate and analyse inspirational live productions and their own performances. Within this, they will identify drama techniques and skills and form a critical opinion.
  - > They will regularly make, perform and respond to Drama, in order to develop their own practice, through the delivery of a broad and exciting curriculum which develops breadth and depth of drama knowledge
  - > They will develop core transferable skills, such as communication, co-operation and confidence that will be motivational and assist them with future preparation for any chosen career path

The department will give students the opportunity to share work in the local community, for example with the Crewe Lyceum Theatre where high quality school productions are performed. Performance work is also shared with the community through performance events such as the 'School Spectacular' Festival at Brine Leas School. This is where students can facilitate community involvement and showcase their hard work and performance pieces which they have produced in extra-curricular clubs such as dance and drama.

Finally, students are expected to approach the course with a high level of maturity and are encouraged to embrace the holistic study of the theatre. Students are assessed on the ideas that they contribute to discussion, the process of creating drama and performance.

#### **Assessment**

Assessment and self- evaluation will be fluid as the students will be encouraged to become reflective practitioners. Teacher assessment will inform planning in the cycle of plan, do and review. Students will receive formative feedback throughout their learning experience and a summative grade at the end of the specific units of learning.

#### Homework

Homework will support the learning in class; consolidation, lesson preparation and extended research.

#### Clubs and/or intervention

Drama club is encouraged at al Key Stages. Other extra-curricular opportunities include Musical theatre Club, Dance Clubs and annual school productions. Students are encouraged to see as much Live Theatre as possible to support their learning.

Parental/Carer support

Helpful sources of information <a href="https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zbckjxs">https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zbckjxs</a>

### **Year 7 Overview**

Term	Knowledge	Assessment	Connections to learning	Connections to future pathways
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To enable all teachers to get to know the child behind the data with a view to informally assessing prior capability.

- ➤ To understand what is drama: trust and cooperation in drama; rules for performance
- Basic performance skills (vocals, physicality)
- Methods of evaluation
- Basic drama techniques (mime, freeze, improvisation , thought tracking)

- > Group, solo, pair demonstrations
- Practical group assessment (formative verbal feedback)
- > Peer and selfassessment (Students are encouraged to become reflective practitioners evaluating the success of their work as it progresses)

> Retrieval practice

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> RSE 2: Respectful relationships a

- > To introduce drama as an art form
- > Pupils will develop social skills and build relationships within the group
- > Allows for a baseline assessment and to plan for their pathway appropriately

#### Careers

- Creative Industries
- > Transferable skills

### **Future Learning**

- ➤ Links to GCSE. BTEC and A Level Performance Skills
- > Performance based courses

## **Autumn**

## From Page to Stage: 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' script

To enable teachers to assess students ability to interpret texts for performance. To develop contextual knowledge of historical and contemporary works with contextual links and understand that Performance texts have been at the core of drama since the inception of theatre

- To understand script work in performance
- To develop knowledge of script conventions (plot, structure, narrative, role, characterisati on, genre, set, blocking, Subtext)
- ➤ How to amend and refine work
- To develop empathy skills, as they consider different characters and develop methods of communicatin g ideas and themes.

- This unit will lead to a final formal assessment using GCSE 1-9 criteria with a summative written comment from the teacher. Students will perform in groups but be assessed as individuals. A summative grade will be given for GCSE forecast.
- As the unit progresses, formative assessment will be on-going with verbal feedback
- Peer and selfassessment will be used every lesson
- KOs will be used to develop theoretical knowledge and in retrieval practice
- Celebration and sharing of successful work and outcomes – OSCAR awards given

- Building on or giving knowledge to students from their previous knowledge either from English lessons or primary school
- The ability to interpret a script for performance is an essential skill that will be used through KS3, 4 and 5.
- ➤ The students will understand the process of using a script to inspire their own creative outcome.
- The theoretical contextual knowledge of the script will be applied in a practical form – KOs will be used to develop theoretical knowledge and in retrieval practice.

- > Performance based courses
- Creative Industries
- > Transferable skills
- Director
- > Performer
- Designer
- > Script writer

### **Future Learning**

➤ Links to GCSE, BTEC and A Level – Performance Skills and written exam

Spring	Introduction to Devising
	Inuit Story (Based on Skeleton Woman an Inuit Legend (from Women who run with Wolves by Clarissa Pinkola Estes)  To enable teachers to assess students ability to explore a stimulus in order to create original performance pieces - Devising is essential for the development of new theatre and performance; it allows for personal development and exploration

- To understand different forms of communicati on in drama and everyday life;
- ➤ To look at Inuit fables in relation to storytelling;
- To understand And practically use the drama strategies of still image, improvisation, thought tracking, mime, key role taking, teacher/pupil in role, hot seating, occupational mime and physical theatre.

- ➤ To understand different forms of Assessment will focus on three key areas:
  - Creating and developing ideas
  - 2. Performance
  - 3. Analysis and evaluation
  - Group, solo, pair demonstrations
  - Practical group assessment (formative verbal feedback)
  - Peer and selfassessment (Students are encouraged to become reflective practitioners evaluating the success of their work as it progresses)

- Developing an understanding of how to devise (create original work) is an essential skill that will be used through KS3, 4 and 5
- K&U of explorative strategies and theatrical conventions that can be applied to devising work links to GCSE, BTEC and A Level specs.

- > Performer
- > Writer
- Director
- Designer
- > Creative Industries
- > Transferrable skills

### **Future Learning**

Links to GCSE and A Level performance Skills

### From Page to Stage 2: Script Work 'Return to the City'

To further develop students' ability to interpret texts for performance.

To develop contextual knowledge of historical and contemporary works with contextual links and understand that Performance texts have been at the core of drama since the inception of theatre. To introduce theatre makers (Lighting, Sound, Set, Costume)

- To understand issues and themes surrounding World War Two in relation to evacuees
- To explore and develop script work
- To develop knowledge of script conventions (plot, structure, narrative, role, characterisati on, genre, set, blocking, Subtext)
- How to amend and refine work
- To develop empathy skills, as they consider

- To fall during Y7 exam time
- This unit will lead to a final formal assessment using GCSE 1-9 criteria with a summative written comment from the teacher.
- Students will perform in groups but be assessed as individuals. A summative grade will be given for GCSE forecast.
- As the unit progresses, formative assessment will be on-going with verbal feedback
- Peer and selfassessment will be used every lesson
- KOs will be used to develop theoretical knowledge and in retrieval practice

- Building on or giving knowledge to students from their previous Page to Stage unit
- ➤ The ability to interpret a script for performance is an essential skill that will be used through KS3, 4 and 5.
- ➤ The students will understand the process of using a script to inspire their own creative outcome.
- The theoretical contextual knowledge of the script will be applied in a practical form – KOs will be used to develop theoretical knowledge and in retrieval practice.

#### Careers

- Performer
- Director
- Writer
- Designer
- Researcher
- > Historian
- Lighting designer
- ➤ Sound Designer
- > Set Designer
- Costume Designer
- Stage Manager

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Creative Industries

### **Future Learning**

➤ Links to GCSE and A Level —Performance work & written exam

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characters	sharing	
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	and develop methods of communicati ng ideas and themes To develop theatre makers for Lighting, Sound, Set, Costume	of successful work and outcomes – OSCAR awards given		
		Devising is e	eatre in Education – Transition project essential for the development of new theat t allows for personal development and exp  Building on developing an understanding of how to devise (create original work) is an essential skill that will be used through KS3, 4 and 5	re and performance; coloration  Careers  Mask maker  Writer  Performer
Summer	mime and movement techniques in relation to mask  To work within a variety of roles and situations;  To look at different perspectives  To understand the following characteristics	<ul> <li>2. Performance</li> <li>3. Analysis and evaluation</li> <li>&gt; Group, solo, pair demonstrations</li> <li>&gt; Practical group assessment (formative verbal feedback)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>K&amp;U of explorative strategies and theatrical conventions that can be applied to devising work links to GCSE, BTEC and A Level specs</li> <li>Further development of Theory skills – genres and styles of theatre (Mask and TIE) &amp; key practitioners</li> <li>Development of performance skills</li> <li>RSE 2: Respectful relationships a, e</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Education based careers</li> <li>Creative Industries</li> <li>Future Learning         Links to GCSE and A Level Performance skills – Devising</li> </ul>

of dramatic	evaluating the	
work including	success of their	
genre,	work as it	
structure,	progresses)	
character,		
form, style, and language		
➤ To understand		
how meaning		
is		
communicate		
d and		
interpreted		
through:		
o Performance		
convention		
○ Use of space		
and spatial		
relationships on		
stage		
o Relationships		
between		
performer and		
audience		

# **Year 8 Overview**

Term	Learning	Assessment	Connections to learning	Connections to future pathways
	<b>Objectives</b>			

Autumn	From Page to Stage: Script work The Tempest exploration
	To further develop students' ability to interpret texts for performance. To develop contextual knowledge of historical and contemporary works with contextual links and understand that Performance texts have been at the core of drama since the inception of theatre. To further develop knowledge of different theatre makers (Lighting, Sound, Set, Costume)

- ➤ To introduce
  Shakespeare
   context and language
- ➤ To develop off text exploration
- ➤ To develop further page to stage skills
- To develop design knowledge and understanding
- To develop knowledge of script conventions (plot, structure, narrative, role, characterisation, genre, set, blocking, Subtext):
- How to amend and refine work
- ➤ To develop empathy skills, as they consider different characters and

- ➤ To fall during Y8 exam time.
- This unit will lead to a final formal assessment using GCSE 1-9 criteria with a summative written comment from the teacher.
- Students will perform in groups but be assessed as individuals.
- A summative grade will be given for GCSE forecast.
- As the unit progresses, formative assessment will be on-going with verbal feedback
- Peer and selfassessment will be used every lesson
- KOs will be used to develop theoretical knowledge and in retrieval practice
- Celebration and sharing of successful

- Building on or giving knowledge to students from their previous Page to Stage unit
- ➤ The ability to interpret a script for performance is an essential skill that will be used through KS3, 4 and 5.
- ➤ The students will understand the process of using a script to inspire their own creative outcome.
- The theoretical contextual knowledge of the script will be applied in a practical form – KOs will be used to develop theoretical knowledge and in retrieval practice.

- Performance Degree
- > Performer
- Director
- > Designer

### **Future Learning**

Links to GCSE and A Level Performance & theory Skills - A Level set text

develop methods of communicatin g ideas and themes; To develop theatre makers for Lighting, Sound, Set, Costume	work and outcomes – OSCAR awards given		
The Tempest – final performance Assessment  To assess students' performance and design skills			
To understand how to work towards a final assessment – learning lines, making directorial decisions	As above	As above	As above

# **Spring**

# Genres and styles of theatre (Horror, Naturalism, Greek Theatre)

To teach performance disciplines and styles in order to understand the requirements of being a performer and/or designer across a range of performances and performance styles

➤ To introduce a range of styles and genres of theatre	<ul> <li>See below – ongoing formative assessment then a formal final</li> </ul>	➤ Building on developing an understanding of how to devise (create original work) is an essential skill that will be used through KS3, 4 and 5	Careers  > Performer  > Director  > Writer  > Designer
➤ To understand communication and storytelling ➤ To use improvisation skills to explore key concepts of the genre ➤ To understand the role of a performer and o designer	generated	<ul> <li>K&amp;U of explorative strategies and theatrical conventions that can be applied to devising work links to GCSE, BTEC and A Level specs</li> <li>Further development of Theory skills – genres and styles of theatre (Greek Theatre, Soap Opera and Naturalism, Horror Genre) &amp; key practitioners         Development of performance skills Historical context of were theatre comes from     </li> <li>SMSC 4: Cultural development a, d</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Researcher</li> <li>Historian</li> <li>Lighting designer</li> <li>Sound Designer</li> <li>Set Designer</li> <li>Costume Designer</li> <li>Stage Manager</li> <li>Creative Industries</li> <li>Future Learning</li> <li>Links to GCSE and A Level –Performance work &amp; written exam</li> <li>Links to Greek theatre &amp; Naturalism taught at GCSE and A Level</li> </ul>

### **Devised Project**

To enable teachers to assess students' ability to reproduce repertoire or responding to Stimuli

To teach the process that underpins effective ways of working in the Performing Arts, such as development of ideas, rehearsal and performance

	devising skills, looking at different approaches, styles, planning and research.  To understand target audience and communicating to such an	Assessment will focus on three key areas: Creating and developing ideas Performance Analysis and evaluation Group, solo, pair demonstrations Practical group assessment (formative verbal feedback)	<ul> <li>Develops improvisation skills learnt in Y7</li> <li>Develops an understanding of explorative strategies and theatrical conventions that can be applied to devising work (links to GCSE and A Level spec)</li> <li>Develops design skills</li> </ul>	As above
		Peer and selfassessment (Students are encouraged to become reflective practitioners evaluating the success of their work as it progresses)		
Summer	From Page to Stage Script work 'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell  To teach existing performance material in acting, dance or musical theatre and how they may respond to or treat a particular theme or issue, how they use/interpret/modify a pre-existing style, and how they communicate ideas to their audience through stylistic qualities. To give students an insight into how texts may be brought to life for an audience and the creative roles within this process.			

- ➤ To introduce context, character plot, themes and language
- To develo offtext exploration
- ➤ To develop further page to stage skills
- To develo design knowledge and understandi
- To develop written drama skills (analysis

- This unit will lead to a final formal assessment using GCSE 1-9 criteria with a summative written comment from the teacher.
- Students will perform in groups but be assessed as individuals.
- A summative grade p will be given for GCSE forecast.
- As the unit progresses, formative assessment will be

- Building on or giving knowledge to students from their previous Page to Stage unit
- ➤ The ability to interpret a script for performance is an essential skill that will be used through KS3, 4 and 5 − Blood Brothers is often used as a set text for practical exam/BTEC work and or Live Theatre if touring.
- ➤ The students will understand the process of using a script to inspire their own creative outcome.
- ➤ The theoretical contextual knowledge of the script will be applied in a practical form – KOs will be used to develop theoretical knowledge and in retrieval practice.
- GCSE style written exam questions to be assessed using spec criteria

- > Performer
- > Writer
- Director
- ➤ Police Detective
- Scientist
- > Criminal Psychologist
- > Counsellor

### **Future Learning**

➤ Links to GCSE – set text, Tech Award work

and evaluation	on-going with verbal	➤ SMSC 2: Moral development a	
skills)	feedback	4: Cultural development d	
,	Peer and	➤ RSE 2: Respectful relationships c,	
	selfassessment will	➤ HE 1 Mental Wellbeing d	
	be used every lesson		
	KOs will be used to		
	develop theoretical		
	knowledge and in		
	retrieval practice		
	Written GCSE style		
	questions will be set		
	for homework to		
	develop analysis and		
	evaluation skills and the ways in which		
	different performance		
	and production		
	elements are brought		
	together to create		
	theatre		
	Celebration and		
	sharing of successful		
	work and outcomes -		
	OSCAR		
	awards given		

# **Year 9 Overview**

Term	Learning Objectives	Assessment	Connections to learning	Connections to future pathways
Autumn			Exploring a Stimulus through Themes -	- ASBO

To enable teachers to assess students' ability to respond to Stimuli. To teach the process that underpins effective ways of working in the Performing Arts, such as development of ideas, rehearsal and performance

>	To explore	>	Group, solo, pair	>	HE 1 Mental Wellbeing d	Careers
	idea of		demonstrations			➤ Performer
	cause and		Practical group		RSE 2 Respectful relationships	➤ Writer
	effect in		assessment	c,f		> Director
	relation to		(formative verbal			➤ Police Detective
	Anti-Social		feedback)		SMSC 2 Moral development a, c	➤ Criminal Psychologist
	behaviour;		Peer and	> B\	V b,e,f	> Counsellor
>	To work in		selfassessment			➤ Social worker
	role and		(Students are			> Family member
	look at		encouraged to			> Judge
	different		become reflective			- Cudge
	perspectives and effects		practitioners			Future Learning
	on local		evaluating the			➤ Links to GCSE, Tech Award, A Level
	community.		success of their work			devisin work
<b>&gt;</b>	To use		as it progresses)			devient werk
	poetry to					
	explore and					
	develop a					
	range of					
	skills and					
	dramatic					
	strategies					
>	To develop					
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	research.					
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	g to such an audience appropriately			
	To give stude		From Page to Stage: ASBO script assess exts may be brought to life for an audience	e and the creative roles within this process
	understand context, character plot, themes and language To develop off-text exploration To develop further page to stage skills To develop design knowledge and understanding	final formal assessment using GCSE 1-9 criteria with a summative written comment from the teacher.  Students will perform in groups but be assessed as individuals.  A summative grade will be given for GCSE forecast.	<ul> <li>Building on or giving knowledge to students from their previous Page to Stage unit</li> <li>The ability to interpret a script for performance is an essential skill that will be used through KS3, 4 and 5 – Blood Brothers is often used as a set text for practical exam/BTEC work and or Live Theatre if touring.</li> <li>The students will understand the process of using a script to inspire their own creative outcome.</li> <li>The theoretical contextual knowledge of the script will be applied in a practical form – KOs will be used to develop theoretical knowledge and in retrieval practice.</li> </ul>	
Spring	To teach perform	nance disciplines and style	s of theatre (Commedia dell'arte, Franties in order to understand the requirements range of performances and performance	s of being a performer ) and/or designer across

Fro introduce a range of styles and  genres of theatre	<ul> <li>See below – ongoing formative assessment then a formal final</li> <li>assessment of final performance.</li> </ul>	➤ Building on developing an understanding of how to devise (create original work) is an essential skill that will be used through KS3, 4 and 5	Careers  > Performer  > Director  > Writer  > Designer  > Researcher
<ul> <li>To         understand         communicati         on and         storytelling</li> <li>To use         improvisation         skills to         explore key         concepts of         the genre</li> <li>To         understand         the role of a         performer         and or         designer</li> </ul>	➤ GCSE Grade generated	<ul> <li>K&amp;U of explorative strategies and theatrical conventions that can be applied to devising work links to GCSE, BTEC and A Level specs</li> <li>Further development of Theory skills – genres and styles of theatre (Commedia Dell'arte, Frantic Assembly, Brecht &amp; non- naturalism, &amp; key practitioners</li> <li>Development of performance skills</li> <li>Historical context of where theatre comes from</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Historian</li> <li>Lighting designer</li> <li>Sound Designer</li> <li>Set Designer</li> <li>Costume Designer</li> <li>Stage Manager</li> <li>Creative Industries</li> <li>Future Learning</li> <li>Links to GCSE and A Level –Performance work &amp; written exam</li> <li>Links to Greek theatre &amp; Naturalism taught at GCSE and A Level</li> </ul>

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# **Devised project**

To enable teachers to assess students' ability to reproduce repertoire or responding to Stimuli. To teach the process that underpins effective ways of working in the Performing Arts, such as development of ideas, rehearsal and performance

	<ul> <li>To develop devising skills, looking at different approaches, styles, planning and research.</li> <li>To understand target</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assessment will focus on three key areas:</li> <li>Creating and developing ideas</li> <li>Performance</li> <li>Analysis and evaluation</li> <li>Group, solo, pair demonstrations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develops improvisation skills learnt in Y7</li> <li>Develops an understanding of explorative strategies and theatrical conventions that can be applied to devising work (links to GCSE and A Level spec)</li> <li>Develops design skills</li> <li>SMSC 4: Cultural development a</li> </ul>	As above
	audience and communicatin g to such an audience appropriately	<ul> <li>Practical group assessment (formative verbal feedback)</li> <li>Peer and selfassessment (Students are encouraged to become reflective practitioners evaluating the success of their work as it progresses)</li> </ul>		
Summer	or issue, how the	performance material in a	pre-existing style, and how they commu	they may respond to or treat a particular theme unicate ideas to their audience through stylistic dience and the creative roles within this process

	To
ii	ntroduce
С	ontext,
C	haracter plot,
t	hemes and
la	anguage

- To develop offtext exploration
- To develop further page to stage skills
- To develop design

- final formal
  assessment using
  GCSE 1-9 criteria
  with a summative
  written comment
  from the teacher.
- Students will perform in groups but be assessed as individuals.
- A summative grade will be given for GCSE forecast.

- This unit will lead to a final formal assessment using
   Building on or giving knowledge to students from their previous Page to Stage units
  - ➤ The ability to interpret a script for performance is an essential skill that will be used through KS3, 4 and 5 − DNA is A GCSE set text and students can prepare for KS4l exam/BTEC work.
  - ➤ The students will understand the process of using a script to inspire their own creative outcome.
  - The theoretical contextual knowledge of the script will be

- > Performer
- > Writer
- Director
- Designer
- > Police Detective
- Scientist
- > Criminal Psychologist
- > Counsellor

### **Future Learning**

➤ Links to GCSE – set text, Tech Award work

knowledge and understanding  To develop written drama skills (analysis and evaluation skills)	progresses, formative	knowledge and in retrieval practice.  GCSE style written exam questions to be assessed using spec criteria  RSE 2 Respectful relationships c,  SMSC 2: Moral development a  HE 1 Mental Wellbeing d
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