

Drama

Year 8

Please use this Route Through to learn more about what students are learning in lessons, and how they can extend their learning at home. Please contact the Head of Department or Director of Year for more information.

Subject	What are students learning in lessons?	What could students do to extend their learning and develop their character?
Autumn Term 1	Slapstick: exploration of comedy and mime and how we can use our bodies and facial expressions to communicate a funny scene.	Be curious: develop your understanding of slapstick by watching some original episodes of Mr Bean.
Autumn Term 2	Greek Theatre: Greek myth and the techniques used: Greek chorus, narration, character development.	Be curious: read other Greek myths online or in a book from the library. Which is your favourite?
Spring Term 1	Exploring Shakespeare: looking at some of Shakespeare's most famous scenes and how they can be adapted using different drama techniques.	Be open-minded: Watch a Shakespeare play online - there are lots!
Spring Term 2	Physical Theatre: exploring how a story can be told using physical theatre techniques: chair duets, round by through, lifts.	Be curious: look online at the work that Physical Theatre companies produce: DV8, Frantic Assembly, Complicit, The Paper Birds
Summer Term 1	Lamb to the Slaughter: exploring how narration can be used differently in Roald Dahl's short story.	Be Creative: Write a short play script that explores using a narrator in a similar way.
Summer Term 2	Grimm Tales: what is dramatic tension? How it can be applied to the genre of horror?	Be creative: Take a well known fairytale and rewrite it with a dark twist.

How should I plan my time?	Assessment	Home Learning
	<p>Students think hard and answer lots of questions every lesson.</p> <p>Students practice and get feedback on their work.</p> <p>Exam: Students will not sit an exam.</p>	No compulsory home learning.