

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	Puppetry and Script Work: how to use puppets in different scenarios, Roald Dahl's The BFG and how puppetry can be used alongside it.	Be curious: make a puppet out of everyday objects around your home. Design a system to bring it to life.
Autumn Term 2	Slapstick: exploration of comedy and mime and how we can use our bodies and facial expressions to communicate a funny scene.	Be curious: watch at least one episode or more of Mr Bean and write a review explaining the slapstick techniques used.
Spring Term 1	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. Create a storyboard retelling the key events in your favourite myth.
Spring Term 2	Exploring Shakespeare: looking at some of Shakespeare's most famous scenes and how they can be adapted using different drama techniques.	Be curious: watch a Shakespeare play and write a theatre review.
Summer Term 1	Matilda: explore the characters of the famous story Matilda and look at how you can take on these characters yourself. Explore physicality and vocal skills working on script and devised scenes to retell this famous and loveable story.	Be focused: write a script between Matilda and Miss Honey or Miss Trunchbull.
Summer Term 2	Lamb to the Slaughter: explore one of Roald Dahl's lesser known short stories and look at how narration can be used in an unusual way.	Be curious: read another Roald Dahl story and create a storyboard showing how you would stage it.

	Assessment	Home Learning
How should I plan my time?	Students think hard and answer lots of questions every lesson. Students practice and get feedback on their work. Exam: Students will not sit an exam.	Character tasks to continue the joy of learning beyond the classroom.