Year 8 Long Term Scheme of Learning 2025-26

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Subject: Drama

Date	Exams/ Assess	Unit(s)
1/9/25		Theatre History
8/9/25		Scheme Details- Students will be looking back in time to when drama first began.
15/9/25		To ensure that students understand the origins of drama throughout the years. To
22/9/25		identify trends throughout the years and how it has informed the current style of drama that we see in modern society. To understand the importance of history and
29/9/25		how it has informed modern concepts.
6/10/25		Scheme Learning
13/10/25		To DISCOVER what Greek theatre is and to demonstrate its theories.
20/10/25	Core Task- Mid- point style reflectio n	 To COMPARE the similarities and differences between Greek Theatre and Medieval Theatre. To EXPERIMENT with the use of masks and stock characters. To REVISE who William Shakespeare is and explore his plays.
3/11/25		Theatre History Continued
10/11/25		Scheme Details- Students will be looking back in time to when drama first began.
17/11/25		To ensure that students understand the origins of drama throughout the years. To
24/11/25		identify trends throughout the years and how it has informed the current style of
1/12/25		drama that we see in modern society. To understand the importance of history and how it has informed modern concepts.
8/12/25		Scheme Learning:
15/12/25	Core Task- Theatre History Knowled ge Checker	 To DISCOVER what melodrama is and RELATE it to modern day television. To UNDERSTAND the role of a Theatre Practitioner To DEMONSTRATE the acting style of Naturalism through practical activities. To EXPERIMENT with the themes that underpin the style of Non-Naturalism.
5/1/26		Brecht and War
12/1/26	Core task- Brecht Techniq ue demons tration	Scheme Details: Students will have a cross curricular opportunity to explore history within WW2. They will RESEARCH the style of non-naturalism and ANALYSE who Brecht is. They will explore different times of WW2 focussing around Germany. Scheme Learning: • To REVISE what happened during WW2 and the finer details of the
19/1/26		Battlefield.
26/1/26		 To DISCOVER who Anne Frank was and the relevance of her Diary.
2/2/26		 To RELATE the worries and strife that was present during the time of
9/2/26		terror. To UNDERSTAND Brecht's role in rebelling against the time of war.
23/2/26		Brecht and War
2/3/26		Scheme Details: Students will have a cross curricular opportunity to explore
9/3/26		history within WW2. They will RESEARCH the style of non-naturalism and
16/3/26		ANALYSE who Brecht is. They will explore different times of WW2 focussing
23/3/26		around Germany.
30/3/26	Core Task- Applyin	To RESEARCH what 'Kindertransport' is and ANALYSE the text.

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	g Style to	 To EXPERIMENT with the Essence Machine within their performances. To DESCRIBE the use of Multi-role and the impact it can make to a performance. To ASSESS the progress of your performance piece
20/4/26		CHARACTERISATION:
27/4/26		Scheme details: the students learn how to build a character from a starting point.
4/5/26		They learn how to build a backstory to a character, understand how this gives a
11/5/26		 character depth and how it helps to give the actor different ways in which to present the character. Scheme learning: To know and understand: How imagination is key to the creation of character. How many voice, body and face skills are available to the actor to build a character with. To be able to: Create a variety of characters, which are sustained and detailed in terms of the acting skill used to present them.
18/5/26	Core Task- Mid- point style reflectio n	
1/6/26	Core Task- Building a characte r	KS3 EXAM. Scheme details: To re-cap on all learning in KS3 so far and prepare for the written examinations. Scheme Learning: • To help ALL students retain information in order to help them achieve
8/6/26		excellent marks in written exams.
15/6/26		To improve the progress on students in the examinations by preparing
22/6/26		students.
29/6/26		All key words from previous schemes.
6/7/26		
13/7/26		