



Drama



Year 9

Curriculum Map





Year 9 – Autumn Term

Soap Opera / Commedia dell'arte

Prior Learning

All year 9 pupils will have studied drama for the past 2 years and developed a range of acting and performance skills.

What will I learn?

The first half of the term pupils will be exploring the genre of Soap Opera and understanding how to create an ongoing episodic performance. Pupils will explore existing scripts from soap operas but also learn how to devise their own. We will look at camera acting and how it differs from the stage. The second half of the term pupils will look closely at an introduction to the genre of Commedia Dell'Arte (Italian Comedy). We will learn about the stock characters and how to use physical skills to portray them and learn about the history behind this too.

How will I be assessed?

Two formal assessments will take place during each half term for performance skills. The first half term pupils will take on a role either in production or acting and get assessed on your chosen skill. This will evidence use of creating and performing. In Commedia dell'arte pupils will perform 60% as one of the characters and analyse and evaluate (40%) their performance.

Next Steps

These are two very different genres and this will enable pupils to widen their knowledge in this subject. This is key to enable pupils to be creative and add the correct artistic intentions into every piece of theatre and performance pupils create.

Opportunities for Independent Learning

To enhance pupils learning, they could try and watch Soap Operas like Coronation Street and Emmerdale. Pupils can study the way the characters act and how it fits into the genre. For example, you could look at the different types of characters there are in each soap. The comedic one, the neighbour, the villain.
For Commedia dell'arte there are a few videos on YouTube which gives further information on the history and the characters. You could also make a mask for your character (research what they look like for each character) which will help when you perform as them for your assessment.

Personal Development and CEIAG

Pupils will develop their ability to work with others who are not their friends. Pupils will develop key skills such as listening, taking turns, suggesting ideas for improvement and watching drama with a critical eye are all transferable and crucial to the development of competent performers. Reading texts fluently will also pupils help develop reading skills and memory skills which are vital to further their education.

Enrichment Opportunities (Cultural Capital)

Extra-curricular clubs are held at lunchtimes and after school throughout the year – check the notice board outside the Drama Studio to look at dates and times etc.
A whole school production will also take place this term so all pupils are free to join that.
Trips will be available during the year to some of the Manchester Theatres which will include tickets and transport. If you are interested in seeing any shows that we don't run as a trip have a look at the Manchester Theatre What's on Guide <https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on/events/whats-on-opera-house-palace-theatre> .
It is also worth looking at the [Lowry](https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on/events/whats-on-opera-house-palace-theatre), Home Theatre <https://homemcr.org/whats-on/> and Blackpool Opera House <https://www.wintergardensblackpool.co.uk/whats-on/> .
Pupils are also very fortunate to have lots of lovely theatres local to them so it's always worth having a look to see what's on such as Burnley Mechanics <https://blcgroup.co.uk/locations/burnley-mechanics-theatre/> and Colne Municipal Hall <https://www.themuni.co.uk/> and The Pendle Hippodrome [Pendle Hippodrome Theatre](https://www.themuni.co.uk/).
And this term its Panto season so try and watch some of the local pantomimes. A good local recommendation is Burnley Pantomime Society who perform at this time every year at Burnley Mechanics [Burnley Mechanics Theatre | Book Tickets Online | Burnley Leisure \(blcgroup.co.uk\)](https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on/events/whats-on-opera-house-palace-theatre).



Year 9 – Spring Term Docudrama/Wacky Soap

Prior Learning	In history lessons, pupils might have covered some of the historical events which will be used to create Drama from. Pupils will have worked on physical skills and voice skills in order to perform in the genre.
What will I learn?	Pupils will learn the different between docudrama and verbatim. We will look at real life events and create Drama ensuring not to skew the real facts of each event. The second half of the term pupils will explore the play Wacky Soap by Marc Wheeler. We will look at the meaning behind the play and learn different Drama techniques to enhance your performance.
How will I be assessed?	The first formal assessment will be a split into half for Creating and Performing. The second assessment will be a small extract of the script and based just on performance
Next Steps	These skills that have been consolidated will enable pupils to progress to the next term of devising and another script study.
Opportunities for Independent Learning	Spending time researching different events that we look at will really help you as you will be able to add in more content this way. Reading a little every day always helps with fluency when using a script. This will help when performing for assessment for Wacky Soap.
Personal Development and CEIAG	Pupils will develop their ability to work with others who are not their friends. Pupils will develop key skills such as listening, taking turns, suggesting ideas for improvement and watching drama with a critical eye are all transferable and crucial to the development of competent performers. Reading texts fluently will also pupils help develop reading skills and memory skills which are vital to further their education.
Enrichment Opportunities (Cultural Capital)	Extra-curricular clubs are held at lunchtimes and after school throughout the year – check the notice board outside the Drama Studio to look at dates and times etc. Musical theatre club will start shortly after the production for pupils with an interest in acting, singing and dancing. Trips will be available during the year to some of the Manchester Theatres which will include tickets and transport. If you are interested in seeing any shows that we don't run as a trip have a look at the Manchester Theatre What's on Guide https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on/events/whats-on-opera-house-palace-theatre . It is also worth looking at the Lowry , Home Theatre https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on/events/whats-on-opera-house-palace-theatre and Blackpool Opera House https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on/events/whats-on-opera-house-palace-theatre . Pupils are also very fortunate to have lots of lovely theatres local to them so it's always worth having a look to see what's on such as Burnley Mechanics https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on/events/whats-on-opera-house-palace-theatre , Colne Municipal Hall https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on/events/whats-on-opera-house-palace-theatre and The Pendle Hippodrome Pendle Hippodrome Theatre .



Year 9 – Summer Term Devising Drama / The Crucible

Prior Learning	Pupils will have devised drama all the way from the start of year 7 but in this unit of work pupils will build on that and create longer performances from different stimuli. Some pupils might have some background knowledge of the Pendle Witches. Pupils will also be studying in English the play too.
What will I learn?	For devising drama, pupils will use a number of different stimuli which they will explore and then create performances from using any genre and style that they have learnt this year. Pupils

	will learn how to keep a diary of their decisions, what they create and look at how to analyse and evaluate rehearsals. Pupils will learn all about the Salem Witch Trials and we will also look at the more local trials of the Pendle Witches. We will look at some extracts of the text and explore the main themes of the text in a practical way
How will I be assessed?	For devising drama, pupils will have a drama diary and final performance which will form an overall assessment mark. For the crucible pupils will be assessed on their chosen skill in Drama – performing / set design / costume design / lighting
Next Steps	This will be the last drama lessons for those not continuing to GCSE Drama. If pupils still have an interest in drama, they can always be part of the school productions either performing or as part of the technical team. Many of the skills the pupils will have developed in drama in key stage 3 will also assist pupils in presentations, speeches, debates etc in other subjects, further courses and in careers.
Opportunities for Independent Learning	Drama diaries will be filled in during the lesson but if pupils can always extend what they were writing, drawing etc so are available for them to take home. Reading the full text of The Crucible will help pupils to understand the play further.
Personal Development and CEIAG	Pupils will develop their ability to work with others who are not their friends. Pupils will develop key skills such as listening, taking turns, suggesting ideas for improvement and watching drama with a critical eye are all transferable and crucial to the development of competent performers. Reading texts fluently will also pupils help develop reading skills and memory skills which are vital to further their education.
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