



Welcome

Drama is key to developing life skills, you will build self-confidence and resilience when working with and performing in front of others. Year 7 has continual practical assessments, where every lesson your teacher will be watching and giving you feedback on how well you are doing and how you can improve. Each half term, a major performance will be recorded and the teacher, other people in your class and you will be able to comment on it. These discussions will highlight your strengths and allow targets to be set.

What will I study?

Each half term you will be exploring a different topic which will allow your practical skills and techniques to be developed. In the rehearsal process you will work on your own and in various group sizes

In Year 7, the lessons are focused on either scripted work or practical work you have created, these include:-

Term 1 – ‘The Greatest Show’. This introduces you to the basic skills needed to create imaginative drama using specific drama techniques that are used to entertain an audience.

Term 2 and 3 – ‘Bugsy Malone’. This musical script explores a historical period in America. You will be expected to use an American accent and use a script. There will be dance choreography, and costumes and props will be introduced.

Term 4 – ‘Darkwood Manor’. Here you will be exploring a real life scary story. You will be creating a piece of drama using new techniques that are more advanced and creative.

Term 5 – ‘Theatre History’. Weekly, you will be learning about a specific theatre style from different time periods, starting with ancient Greek theatre up to ‘Shakespearean’ theatre. You will learn theatre style, the approach the playwrights took and how the actors delivered each style.

Term 6 – ‘Room 13’ During this exploration of the play ‘Room 13’ you will understand how to use a script to its full potential. You will learn the correct way to behave as an audience member and how to create a drama and perform the script. You will read the script and create a piece of drama, using your new skills to rehearse and perform imaginative and believable performances. You will be encouraged to work independently and in groups when rehearsing. Clear communication, listening and problem-solving skills will allow you to become confident and disciplined audience members and performers.

Will I need any special equipment?

No, You will not need to bring any special equipment- everything will be provided for you.

Activity for you to try

Choose an accent (e.g. American, Irish, Scottish, Australian etc. but must **not be Yorkshire**) and practice saying the following sentence in your chosen accent. Be ready to say this sentence in your first Drama lesson. “ **Hello my name’s** [Insert your own name here] **I went to** [insert your primary school here] **and I am** [add in your own adjective here e.g. scared, anxious, excited, happy etc.] **about starting at the King’s school.**

