

**Whitworth Community High School
DRAMA Department**

Teacher in Charge/Faculty Leader: Mrs D Goff

Year 8 Learning Overview

Organisation of the classes:

Drama is taught in mixed ability groups of approximately 30 pupils. The pupils have one lesson a week and are generally working between grade 1 and grade 3.

Key Concepts

Drama in Year 8 is about using skills and techniques effectively in performances. We analyse the performances of others in detail and reflect how the use of Dramatic Devices impact on audiences.

What skills do I use in this subject?

Confidence, Co-operation, Concentration, Creativity, Speaking and listening, Team work, Planning/structuring, Organising, Appreciation, Exploring and communicating ideas, concepts and emotions

What will you be learning?

Commedia Dell Arte
Pantomime
Issue Based – substance abuse
Shakespeare
Issue Based – youth offending
Slapstick

How will you be learning?

Individual, Pair and Group based tasks
Observation and discussion activities
Performance work
Written analysis tasks

How will your learning be assessed?

You will usually be grade assessed on a practical piece of work towards the end of each half term. Assessment is also on-going within lessons via observation and evaluative discussion in peer and self-assessed activities.

Home Learning

As per the school Home Learning rota system

Equipment needed?

Enthusiasm and imagination

How can your parents support your learning?

Encourage your child to take part in extra-curricular activities to further build their confidence and performance skills through experience. Enable your child to visit both professional and amateur theatre productions where possible.

SMSC Links – Focus on Aspirations

Employability skills – Team work, Time Management, Presenting and Interviewing Skills, Thinking on feet, Vocal skills,
Personal skills – Confidence, Critical Thinking, Planning, Understanding, Maturity, Sensitivity, Co-operation, Imagination, Beliefs, Values, Consequences, Empathy

What extra-curricular activities or enrichment opportunities are available?

Weekly Drama Club
Full School Musical every year
Summer Show
Theatre Trips/Residentials